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To: Members of Cabinet Member meeting - Health and Communities

Wednesday, 17 March 2021

Dear Councillor

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member meeting - Health and Communities** to be held virtually at **11.00 am** on **Thursday, 25 March 2021**; the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen E. Barrington'.

**Helen Barrington**  
**Director of Legal Services**

## **AGENDA**

### **PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

1. Declarations of Interest (if any)
2. To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Health and Communities held on 4 February 2021 (Pages 1 - 6)
3. To consider the non-exempt reports of the Director of Public Health on:
  - 3 (a) COVID-19 Community Testing Programme Update (Pages 7 - 12)
  - 3 (b) Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund Update (Pages 13 - 18)

- 3 (c) Contain Outbreak Management Fund Update (Pages 19 - 28)
- 3 (d) Derbyshire Advisory Services in Foodbanks (Pages 29 - 32)
- 3 (e) Feeding Derbyshire Network and Financial Action Advice Derbyshire (Pages 33 - 36)
- 3 (f) Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant (Pages 37 - 42)
- 3 (g) Funding for Arts and Health Programme (Pages 43 - 46)
- 3 (h) Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People (Pages 47 - 50)
- 4. Exclusion of the Public

To move, that under Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

## **PART II - EXEMPT ITEMS**

- 5. Declarations of Interest (if any)
- 6. To consider the exempt report of the Director of Public Health on Substance Misuse Service Additional Payments (Pages 51 - 54)

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**MINUTES** of a meeting of **CABINET MEMBER MEETING - HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on Thursday, 4 February 2021 virtually on MS Teams

**PRESENT**

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillor D Allen.

**7/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A Declaration of Interest was made for Item 4c - Councillor Hart had a Personal Interest - Derby Community Trust

**8/21 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 7 January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

**9/21 PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET MONITORING FORECAST OUTTURN 2020/2021 QUARTER 3**

The Cabinet Member was provided with an update on the Council Plan performance position and the revenue budget position of the Health and Communities portfolio for 2020-2021 up to the end of December 2020 (Quarter 3).

The report showed that progress was "good" for the portfolio. After the use of additional Covid-19 funding, the budget forecast position saw an underspend of £3.254m. It was forecast that £0.166m of savings would be achieved by the year end compare to target savings of £0.150m and the value of savings initiatives, which had been identified for implementation in the current year, of £0.216m.

The report contained detailed tables and graphs showing an overview of progress on deliverables and measures. Key areas of success were Pause Derbyhire, the Community Response Unit in response to winter pressures and the online weight management programme. Areas for consideration were 0-5 Service and new pre-school contact. Appendix A provided further information.

The net controllable budget for the portfolio was £16.115m. An additional £1.956m Covid-19 funding give a total of £18.071m. The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement forecasted a year-end total underspend of £3.254m.

Allocated budget reduction targets totalled £0.216m. There was an over-achievement of savings of £0.066m which was brought forward to the current year and resulted in total reductions of £0.150m at the start of the year.

The portfolio received additional budget allocations: Coroners service - £0.101m for ongoing increasing fees due to a national shortage of Pathologists and Community Safety Domestic Violence - £0.500m one-off payment.

The risks were detailed within a table and earmarked reserves of £9.704m were held to support future expenditure.

**RESOLVED** - that the Cabinet Member note the report and consider whether there are any further actions that should be undertaken to improve the budget position moving forwards or to address performance, where it has not met the desired level.

## **10/21 UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND**

The Cabinet Member was given an update on organisations supported through the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund and approval was sought for allocating an additional £100,000 towards the fund.

The ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic had seen many organisations across Derbyshire working to ensure the basic needs of the most vulnerable residents were met. It had become apparent that a number of community and voluntary sector organisations had insufficient resources to maintain their current level of response. Support for the clinically extremely vulnerable, social isolation and requirement for activities to comply with social distancing guidance had compelled many organisations to quickly adapt their service delivery models to operate within the guidance, often requiring additional resources to enable this.

The Cabinet Member had approved the establishment of a Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund to support voluntary and community sector organisations in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on local communities and to work to improve the health and wellbeing of local populations. Funding up to the value of £2,000 was available for constituted groups and £250 for non-constituted groups. This was funded from the Public Health Grant and linked to the current Public Health work programme.

Authority for approval of applications was delegated by the Cabinet Member to the Director of Public Health, with quarterly updates. This report was the second quarterly update covering funding from 6 October to 21 December 2020. Funding decisions were made by a panel comprising of an Assistant Director of Public Health, a Public Health Lead

and a Health Improvement Practitioner, before ratification by the Director of Public Health. Details on the organisations to have been approved for funding were detailed within the report.

**RESOLVED** - that the Cabinet Member (1) note the allocation of the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund to date;

(2) approve the extension of the fund by an additional £100,000;

(3) continue to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to approve awards of no more than £2,000 to individual organisations; and

(4) receive details of further recipient organisations on a quarterly basis.

## **11/21 LOCAL AUTHORITY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT**

The Cabinet Member was updated on the allocations of the Coronavirus (Covid-19): Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies. Additional approval was also sought to enable allocation of grant funding to further external organisations.

Derbyshire County Council had received £0.808m in the form of a Local Authority Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies, provided by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to support people struggling to afford essentials due to the impact of Covid-19. Public Health had been liaising with key partnership groups to develop ideas being put forward and seek assurance that the grant was meeting local needs.

The Cabinet Member had previously approved reports that allocated the bulk of the monies and disbursement of the agreed monies had taken place. In response to changing needs, the report proposed a further allocation of funding to enhance fuel poverty support to people across Derbyshire and to provide copies of the national 'Quids In' Financial Inclusion advice magazine for distribution through foodbanks and networks.

The original report on 4 September identified £20,000 for fuel poverty related support. £10k already been dispersed to the Derbyshire Healthy Homes project. Approval was sought to channel the remaining £10k to Marches Energy Advice to enhance their work with foodbanks with a recommendation to further top up the funding with an additional £22,000 from the contingency put towards this important agenda area. Funding would have an additional focus on funding emergency support for people with credit meters. This would complement Public Health's holistic winter pressure support programme being co-ordinated on behalf of the system by the Community Response Unit.

In partnership with food banks across Derbyshire, additional funding would provide emergency support on energy use to a minimum of 250 householders at a time of crisis. Key deliverables included emergency credit meter funding or pre-payment meter funding; B-Warm electric seat warmers; 3-4 LED bulbs per home; staff time to facilitate the allocation and full support through Warmer Derby and Derbyshire. Need would be determined using existing food bank criteria.

'Quids In' magazine was a national publication giving advice and 'top tips' aimed at tenants and those on low income around managing money; accessing help; avoiding rogue traders and loan sharks etc. It was proposed to purchase copies to distribute through foodbanks and Feeding Derbyshire projects twice in the coming year with Rural Action Derbyshire and the Feeding Derbyshire network. This would be a one-off cost. There were cost savings for buying in bulk and it was proposed to fund Rural Action Derbyshire £3,000 to purchase 10,000 copies (twice) during 2021.

Allocations would bring the total committed to £0.647m. Recommendations for the remaining £0.161m contingency would be brought to a later meeting for approval.

**RESOLVED** - that the Cabinet Member note the information contained in the report and approve the recommendation regarding a further allocation of external grant to support provision of services relating to the Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies.

## **12/21 RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCE GRANT**

Approval was sought from the Cabinet Member for the award of £148,885 to four organisations from the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant and for the award of £47,736 to Derby County Community Trust to deliver the Active Choices recovery programme.

The Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant programme had been running for the last five years to fund projects that provided recovery activities across Derbyshire. From June 2020, project proposals which usually lasted for one year were requested to last two years, with the local authority funding the first year and match funding being found for the second year. This was to enable longer-term sustainability for the existing projects and to allow for a new, potentially less experienced but equally innovative projects and organisations, to apply for funding in the subsequent year.

In September 2020, organisations were invited to apply for a maximum of £40,000 for the grant to commence from 01 April 2021. Six applications were received from organisations across Derbyshire and were evaluated by two members of the Substance Misuse Health

Improvement Team and one member of the Public Health Commissioning Team against the agreed criteria. Four of the organisations were recommended for funding; the remaining two did not meet the objectives of the grant. The organisations recommended for funding were:

- A-Spire Right: Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust – £39,955
- Rhubarb Recovery Continued: Rhubarb Farm - £37,098
- Growing Lives: Derwentio Charitable Trust - £36,682
- RISE: The Zink Project - £35,150

In addition to the support these projects would provide, Derby County Community Trust (which was not eligible to apply for funding under the Recovery Grants programme) had been separately grant-funded in two previous years to deliver activities for people in recovery from substance misuse issues in South Derbyshire, Erewash and Amber Valley. Their Active Choices programme offered a variety of face-to-face physical activity-based interventions alongside virtual online support and working with a total of 80 people in recovery over a one year period, at a cost of £47,736. In localities not covered by the recovery projects, the Health Improvement Team would work with locality leads to identify community projects which offered activities that might support recovery.

**RESOLVED** - that Cabinet Member approve the award of grants to the four organisations who meet the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant funding criteria, and to Derby County Community Trust for their Active Choices programme, to further develop the recovery communities in Derbyshire from April 2021 as detailed in the report.

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**25 March 2021**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**UPDATE ON COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING PROGRAMME  
(Health and Communities)**

**1. Purpose of the Report:**

This report provides the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities with an update on the progress of the Community Testing Programme for COVID-19 which commenced in Derbyshire on 21 December 2021.

The Cabinet Member is asked to:

- Note the change in approach due to new Government guidance.
- Agree that Director of Public Health and the Director of Legal Services can negotiate terms of and enter into all documentation required to roll out the programme throughout Derbyshire.

**2. Information and Analysis:**

A decision was taken by Corporate Management Team utilising an Urgent Officer Decision on 18 December 2020 to introduce targeted community testing to identify asymptomatic COVID-19 cases in a phased approach across Derbyshire. The proposal submitted for Derbyshire complements the existing symptomatic testing programme, and the whole home testing programme within care homes. Delivering a community testing programme supports the Council's overall goal to reduce the spread of the virus, protect the most vulnerable and drive down the infection rate across the county area of Derbyshire (excluding Derby City).

The aim was to use asymptomatic testing as a case finding tool to reduce case rates within an area. The programme of activity commenced in Swadlincote just before Christmas, with further sites opening on the town just after the Christmas break before additional testing venues opened in Heanor, South Normanton and Shirebrook. A business specific testing site which has not been publicly promoted also opened at Cotes Park Industrial Estate in Amber Valley

It was agreed within the Officer Decision Record that the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities, alongside any appropriate partnership meetings would be kept updated on the progress and learning from the programme.

## 2.1 Programme Update:

The community testing in December focusing activity on defined geographies and populations where there was a higher case rate. The Government guidance at the time was for sites to operate for six weeks before activity transferred to another location.

Shortly after the January lockdown announcement, the Government re-focused the community testing programme and asked local authorities participating or planning to engage with the programme to have a focus on individuals who could not work from home throughout the lockdown period. Local authorities who were already operating a community testing programme were asked to submit a revised proposal which Derbyshire has done. Derbyshire has realigned communications activity, messaging and planning to focus on promoting attendance at testing centres by those who are unable to work from home.

A summary of the number of tests completed to date are summarised in Appendix 1.

## 2.2 Community testing sites:

Currently, Derbyshire is operating community testing centres at the following locations. There is now one testing centre operational in each district and borough area providing a good spread of testing centre locations that people who live or work locally are able to access 7am-7pm 7 days a week.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Venue currently being utilised</b>
Amber Valley	Heanor	Wilmot Street Community Centre
Bolsover	Bolsover	Hillstown Community Centre, Bolsover
Chesterfield	Chesterfield town centre	Queens Park Leisure Centre
Derbyshire Dales	Matlock	County Hall
Erewash	Long Eaton	West Park Leisure Centre
High Peak	Buxton	Pavilion Gardens
North East Derbyshire	Clay Cross	Clay Cross Social Club
South Derbyshire	Swadlincote	Midway Community Centre

The Cabinet Member is asked to note that urgent decisions were taken by the Director of Public Health and Director of Legal Services to secure temporary

leases at the following venues for using of the building. This is in line with the scheme of delegation:

- William Greig VI Leisure Centre, Heanor (which was operational from 14 January to 24 February 2021)
- Shirebrook Village Hall (which was operational from 18 January to 28 February 2021)
- Queens Park Leisure Centre, Chesterfield
- Pavillion Gardens, Buxton
- West Park Leisure Centre, Long Eaton
- Hillstown Community Centre, Bolsover

Clay Cross Social Club and Midway Community Centre have been secured utilising existing DCC framework agreements. The testing site in New Mills is a Derbyshire County Council owned building.

### **2.3 Mobile and targeted testing:**

In addition to the community hubs we are also seeking to establish mobile testing sites that provides targeted activity in more isolated communities, or at workplaces experiencing an outbreak. A testing centre has also opened at New Mills in response to a higher number of cases in the local community. We have also had a dedicated business only testing centre located at Cotes Park in Amber Valley since the start of the new year.

### **2.4 Training programme for businesses with fewer than 50 employees:**

Government has agreed a scheme for businesses with 50 or more employees to sign up to take part in a testing programme. Local authorities have been asked to support small businesses to access community testing or workplace testing. Derbyshire is developing a training programme to support the delivery of this aspect of the programme and delivery will be prioritised to businesses/occupations where there is a higher risk of COVID-19.

### **2.5 Evaluation:**

The community testing programme will be formally evaluated by Nottingham University and the Public Health team to look at the impact of the testing programme on communities in Derbyshire and ensure that any lessons learnt are identified as the programme develops.

## **3. Social Value Considerations:**

Community testing provides opportunities for people to attend work safely, if other COVID-19 secure workplace guidance and social distancing requirements are maintained. Encouraging the workforce and community to get regularly tested will help support the economic recovery from COVID-19. The testing

programme has required the council to recruit additional staff on a temporary basis and this has created employment opportunities for individuals who have been unable to secure employment or have been unable to work as normal due to COVID-19 restrictions.

#### **4. Finance Considerations:**

The community testing programme is supported by funding of £14 per head for each test completed. The £14 will be a combination of in-kind support and cash allocated to the Council by the Government. There is a potential financial risk to the Council if testing uptake targets are not achieved. However, this is mitigated by additional Contain Outbreak Management funding the Council has received, a proportion of which has been earmarked to provide further financial support if community testing produces unexpected financial risk. Further funding will be available to the Council up to the end of the financial year in line with any ongoing restrictions. These payments will continue up until 31 March 2021 and the funding can be rolled over into the next financial year.

Funding will be spent in accordance with the grant conditions outlined by Government.

#### **5. Legal Considerations:**

An Officer Decision Record was approved by Corporate Management Team on 16 December 2020 regarding the roll out and commencement of the programme.

It is requested that the Director of Public Health has delegated approval in conjunction with the Director of Legal Services, to negotiate terms of and enter all leases required to roll out the programme throughout Derbyshire.

#### **6. Human Resource considerations:**

Derbyshire County Council has undertaken an extensive recruitment process to appoint a workforce that is supporting the delivery of community testing. This is supported by use of agency staff.

#### **7. Equality considerations:**

An EIA has been completed for phase 1 of the testing programme and will be refreshed to reflect the revised approach for phase 2.

#### **8. Other Considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

**7. Background Papers:**

- [Cabinet Report - Urgent Officer Decision – Implementation of Community Testing in Derbyshire \(11 March 2021\)](#)
- [Community testing: explained from gov.uk](#)
- [Community testing a guide for local areas](#)

**8. Key Decision:**

Yes

**9. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

**10. Officer's Recommendation:**

The Cabinet Member is asked to:

- Note the change in approach due to new Government guidance.
- Agree that Director of Public Health and the Director of Legal Services can negotiate terms of and enter into all documentation required to roll out the programme throughout Derbyshire.

**Dean Wallace**  
**Director of Public Health**

## Appendix 1: Community testing

District	Site	Total number of tests	Positive tests	% of positive tests
Amber Valley	William Gregg	8,973	107	1.2%
Amber Valley	Wilmot Street	1,098	12	1.1%
Bolsover	Shirebrook Village Hall	2,832	45	1.6%
Bolsover	Post Mill Centre	7,831	92	1.2%
Bolsover	Hillstown Community Centre	205	Suppressed*	Suppressed*
Chesterfield	Queens Park Sports Centre	3,100	34	1.1%
Derbyshire Dales	County Hall	603	0	0%
Erewash	West Park	838	8	1.0%
High Peak	Pavilion Gardens	1,996	21	1.1%
North East Derbyshire	Clay Cross Social Centre	2,023	7	0.3%
South Derbyshire	Gresley Old Hall	4,712	73	1.5%
South Derbyshire	Grove Hall	7,445	111	1.5%
South Derbyshire	Midway	7,328	76	1.0%

Source: PHE SGSS Line list- test data 21/12/2020-05/03/2021. \*Suppressed due to low numbers

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**25 March 2021**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND  
(Health and Communities)**

**1. Purpose of the Report:**

To provide an update on organisations supported through the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

**2. Information and Analysis:**

The ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic has seen many organisations across Derbyshire working to ensure the basic needs of the most vulnerable residents are met, and it has become apparent that a number of community and voluntary sector organisations have insufficient resources to maintain their current level of response. In addition, supporting the clinically extremely vulnerable, social isolation and requirement for activities to comply with social distancing guidance have compelled many organisations to quickly adapt their service delivery model to operate within the guidance, often requiring additional resources to enable this.

On 24 June 2020, the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approved the establishment of a Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund to support voluntary and community sector organisations in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on local communities, and to work to improve the health and wellbeing of local populations. Funding of up to a maximum value of £2,000 is available for constituted groups and £250 for non-constituted groups.

The Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund is funded from the Public Health Grant. For this reason, all applications must be linked to the current Public Health work programme, for example to support mental health and emotional wellbeing, increase social connectedness, or to prevent demand on statutory services. This will allow the Public Health Emergency Fund to run concurrently with other corporate grant schemes, whilst retaining a clear focus on improving public health outcomes.

Authority for approval of applications was delegated by the Cabinet Member to the Director of Public Health, with quarterly update reports in respect of organisations funded to Cabinet Member meetings. This is the third such quarterly update covering organisations who have received funding from 22 December 2020 to 22 February 2021.

In addition to the 59 organisations that have already been funded, additional applications, detailed below, have also been reviewed and approved for funding. Funding decisions are made by a panel comprising of an Assistant Director in Public Health, a Public Health Lead and a Health Improvement Practitioner, before ratification by the Director of Public Health. The following organisations have been approved for funding:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Application details</b>	<b>Funding approved</b>
Broken Beauty	Chesterfield and Bolsover	Low level mental health peer support utilising a digital platform on a one to one basis.	£2,000.00
Junction Arts	Chesterfield, Bolsover and NE Derbyshire	Young Carer's online art club during February half term	£1,745.00
Cancer Buddies	Derbyshire wide	Emotional support to cancer patients, survivors and their carers	£1,737.58
Hilton Guides	South Derbyshire	Zoom licences and annual insurance to enable sessions to continue throughout the pandemic.	£395.10
Relate	South Derbyshire	Funding to cover costs for Zoom licences and additional laptops for counsellors.	£2,000.00
Glossop Arts	High Peak	Provision to young people 11-18 yrs old who are not accessing school or training to access Arts project at February half term utilising virtual approach.	£2,000.00
Lane End Farm	High Peak	Purchase a polytunnel to offer additional outside sessions for young people and provide mental health support	£1,979.25



Headway	Countywide	Outdoor COVID secure activities for young people with a brain injury.	£1,955.00
Remedi Victim Support	Countywide	Purchase 2 x laptops with relevant licences and software to enable our volunteers to assist with the support needs of clients remotely.	£2,000.00
Bolsover Woodland Enterprise	Bolsover	Equipment for raised beds to support people with learning and physical disabilities access gardens and allotments	£1,000.00
Swadlincote Community First Responder	South Derbyshire	Purchase kit and undertake marketing to increase the number of first responders to support COVID-19 response.	£1,800.00
Crich Patient Participation Group	Amber Valley	Produce and distribute a newsletter which highlights the services and support available and encourages other COVID safe ways to stay in touch and help others.	£1,356.00
Hope Animal Rescue	Countywide	To be able to arrange appropriate foster placements for pets whilst their owners are unwell or hospitalised as a result of COVID-19.	£2,000.00
Ticknall Cricket Club	South Derbyshire	PPE and equipment to make sports club COVID secure	£1,980.00
Barlborough School House Trust	Bolsover	Create COVID secure venue to allow groups which reduce social isolation to operate	£1,950.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£25,897.93</b>

### 3. Financial Considerations:

The overall value of the Emergency Fund is £0.200m and to date £98,973.52 has been awarded to Derbyshire organisations. Funding will be met from the Public Health Reserve.

#### **4. Human Resources Considerations:**

The funding will enable local providers to deliver projects and services. Derbyshire County Council accepts no employment or future redundancy liability, with all employment and related matters to be managed by the providers.

#### **5. Legal Considerations:**

The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £0.100m to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Member. The Council's Constitution allows for Cabinet Members to delegate authority to officers to undertake the powers afforded to them by the Constitution. The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grants are made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

#### **6. Other Considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

#### **7. Background Papers:**

[Update on COVID-19 Emergency Fund – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member Committee report](#)

[Establishing a Public Health Emergency Fund to support the response to COVID-19 – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member Committee Report.](#)

[Update on COVID-19 Emergency Fund – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member report \(February 2021\)](#)

#### **8. Key Decision:**

Yes

#### **9. Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?**

No

## **10. Officers Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet Member:

- i. Notes the allocation of the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund to date.
- ii. Continues to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to approve awards of no more than £2,000 to individual organisations.
- iii. Receives details of further recipient organisations on a quarterly basis.

**Dean Wallace**

**Director of Public Health**

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**25 March 2021**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**UPDATE ON CONTAIN OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FUND**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

This report seeks to:

- i. Provide an update to the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on the Covid-19 Outbreak Management Fund funding allocations from 30 November 2020 to 20 February 2021.
- ii. Seeks approval for the following use of the fund that requires Cabinet Member approval:
  - a. £0.150m paid to care home providers in Derbyshire on a per registered bed basis to fund wellbeing activities whilst visiting restrictions remain in place.
  - b. £210,218 to a range of voluntary sector organisations to deliver the Community Champions scheme, noting the full breakdown of allocations as outlined in the financial considerations section.
  - c. £26,000 to the University of Nottingham for the evaluation of the asymptomatic COVID-19 community testing programme in Derbyshire
  - d. £0.279m to district and borough councils to fund Environmental Health teams to further support implementation of Derbyshire's COVID Outbreak Management Plan
  - e. £8,617 to Derby City Council to recruit an Associate Director of Inequalities (COVID19) to work across Derby City and Derbyshire County.

**2. Information and analysis:**

Derbyshire County Council has received additional funding from Central Government to support the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund, this is in addition to funding received by the Authority in early 2020.

Public Health Authorities in England have a lead role in protecting and improving the health of the population in relation to the pandemic. Within the Authority, the Director of Public Health has a responsibility for the Authority's contribution to

health protection matters, preparing for and responding to incidents that present a threat to public health.

In May 2020 the Government launched the NHS Test and Trace service, this would ensure that individuals who develop symptoms could access testing, and that high-risk contacts are identified and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. Public Health Authorities (local authorities responsible for Public Health functions) are central to the local Test and Trace programme and have an evolving function within the programme of work as a Local Tracing Partnership.

As part of the Contain Framework which sets out how the impact of COVID-19 will be managed and mitigated all local authorities in England, with a responsibility for Public Health, have received a funding allocation equivalent to £8 per head to support proactive containment and intervention measures. Derbyshire's initial allocation was £6.500m and further allocations have been received due to ongoing lockdown and tier restrictions being in place.

The funding will allow development of new, and extension of existing non-pharmaceutical interventions to manage and mitigate the impact of the pandemic in communities across Derbyshire in the coming months. Any interventions need to be targeted at specific vulnerable communities or populations and this would include children and families, older people and individuals at higher risk due to their health status.

Cabinet agreed the overall profile of spend when it met on 14 January 2021, and that delegated authority will be given to the Director of Public Health and Cabinet Member for Health and Communities to develop an implementation plan co-ordinate the delivery of the different workstreams described in this report. Where appropriate additional approvals from Cabinet Member would be sought in line with the Council's Constitution and Financial Regulations.

This is the first of these update reports and Cabinet Member approval is requested for the following activity.

#### Wellbeing support to care home residents

Funding allocations can be made to care homes to contribute towards activities and events that support resident wellbeing. However, as with the Infection Prevention Control Grant which is currently being allocated to providers via Adult Social Care consideration of state aid is a key consideration. The Government has advised Adult Social Care colleagues that the best way to protect from allegations of state aid was treat all providers the same so have suggested a payment per registered care bed model. This funding allocation would follow a similar approach to payment with payment per registered care beds across the PVI sector. Direct Care Homes operated by Derbyshire County Council do not access this funding and this would be replicated for this funding allocation.

There are currently 7,640 registered beds in Derbyshire and allocating the full £0.150m would result in a payment of £19.63 per bed.

There is currently a light touch approach to monitoring associated with the Infection Prevention Control Grant and a similar approach is proposed with this funding allocation. Public Health will issue care providers with some short guidance to outline how the wellbeing payment can be used and once activities are completed, we would encourage providers to share social media posts, newsletters and photos to evidence the spend.

### Community Partner scheme

The community partner scheme aims to build on existing relationships and structures to develop an integrated and multidisciplinary framework to support a community response to COVID-19 in Derbyshire. Working with local communities is identified as a key principle for the introduction of non-pharmaceutical intervention (NPI) in the Association of Directors of Public Health report [\*Protecting our communities: Pulling together to achieve sustainable suppression of SARS-CoV-2 and limit adverse impacts\*](#)

Community partners, local groups and leaders will be invited to recruit to or join a network of 'champions' who will lead in disseminating timely and relevant information to local communities, and also act as a conduit for capturing and feeding back local intelligence to the network.

The network will be supported by resources and messages, including guidance on symptoms, current restrictions in place, advice on personal and community actions that can be taken. All content will include further information on the public health "science" behind the messages. A "space" will be created to support two-way interaction between Public Health, Communications and lead partners. Local intelligence can be discussed at these forums and fed back into the central resource, in addition to conversations being had regarding current messages and how best to apply them to local communities.

Oversight will be maintained on the process through the Community Group of the Derby and Derbyshire Local Resilience Forum, while overarching delivery and response prioritisation will be led by the Public Health Locality Leads

The community and voluntary sector, and other local partners will be asked to lead the identification and recruitment of champions, who may undertake a range of activities from simply passing on information to actively challenging misinformation and directing local activities.

Local networks will be strengthened in the longer-term through this scheme, and it is therefore expected to have continued utility beyond the COVID-19 response, offering opportunities to disseminate broader health messages and respond to a wider range of local needs once the pandemic has come to an end.

## Community testing evaluation by the University of Nottingham

The Derbyshire County COVID-19 community testing programme aims to reduce the spread of the virus, protect the most vulnerable and drive down the infection rate across the county by identifying asymptomatic cases through Lateral Flow testing (LFT).

Community Testing sites have been operating in various locations since December 2020, it is therefore necessary to undertake a series of evaluations to learn about what works in the design and implementation, what can be improved and the overall impacts of the programme.

In order to gain learning at pace to inform future developments, the University of Nottingham was engaged to submit an evaluation outline. A formative process evaluation has been proposed, using qualitative (semi-structured) interviews with two groups: those who attend for testing and those who do not. The University of Nottingham will provide an evaluation report with recommendations for process improvements to maximise engagement with testing and improve the experience of individuals who attend and prepare for a collaborative journal publication.

The aim of the evaluation is to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the testing process and reasons for attendance and non-attendance, and to make recommendations for process improvements that can both maximise engagement with testing and improving the experience of individuals who attend.

### Financial support to Environmental Health teams

On 10 September 2020 Cabinet approved funding to support district and borough environmental health teams to support their enforcement activity in relation to Covid-19 response. Funding of £0.05m was allocated to each council for both of the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Environmental Health teams have demonstrated they provide a much-needed resource to the implementation of the local Outbreak Management Plan, delivered through qualified Environmental Health officers (EHOs), and additional posts employed specifically to support the response to COVID-19. Roles undertaken by Environmental Health teams as part of the Outbreak Management Plan has included:

- Virtual and on-site investigations, compliance audits and interviews with businesses following notification of a possible COVID-19 outbreak.
- Attending meetings and reporting within Derbyshire's COVID-19 outbreak management governance structure.
- Investigating complaints and working with the Health and Safety Executive and other regulatory agencies where further investigation or enforcement is required.
- Maintaining regular contact with larger employers to monitor case numbers.



- Collating and sharing local intelligence with the Council's Public Health team and other partners.
- Education, engagement and enforcement linked to business activities and restrictions applicable at a given point in time.
- Providing a visual presence and advice to members of the public of the need to comply with the requirements in place, including maintaining social distancing and use of face coverings, especially in areas with greater footfall such as retail parks and popular visitor locations.
- Responding to complaints and enquiries from the public and businesses.
- Reviewing Temporary Events Notices in line with COVID-19 legislation.

The past few months have seen an increase in community transmission with a range of local restriction tiers and national lockdown. The nature of the work has therefore seen an increase in activity and greater variation in the nature of the response required, with a focus being on workplaces with critical workers when many businesses are closed by law. The increased availability of both symptomatic and asymptomatic testing has resulted in an increasing number of workplaces with clusters of cases that need a response. Re-opening of closed businesses will increase the number of statutory inspections required, and additional funding will allow Environmental Health teams to maintain their COVID-19 response.

The use of additional posts to support qualified EHOs is a cost-effective use of the resources and if not utilised, will place additional demands on the qualified EHOs, and, currently there are challenges in recruiting qualified EHOs to time-limited COVID-19 work; the market is limited and agency costs are rising. The additional posts provide a visible presence and report to the EHOs who assign their tasks based on complaints, data and other intelligence shared by partners, as well as proactive patrols in key locations.

The demographic and economic profiles of the districts is highly variable, and the workload of Environmental Health teams has been broadly driven by these factors:

- Presence of large employer(s) especially in high-risk settings and/or 24/7 operations such as food factories.
- Areas with industrial estates and large warehousing and distribution sites, where homeworking is not possible.
- Supported and assisted living settings which began routine testing in December.
- Homecare / domiciliary care providers where the employing office base (for test and trace) is within their area. These agencies can have over 500 staff.
- Early-years settings i.e. pre-school nurseries caring for children of critical workers.
- Retail parks with multiple businesses and indoor/outdoor shared spaces and potential crowd control concerns (notably before Christmas).

- Visitor attractions / destinations that attract large numbers of people such as country parks (weather dependent).

Due to this variation, proposals were invited for additional funding on a case-by-case basis where Environmental Health teams could demonstrate their spending would be above the initial allocation made. All bar one of Derbyshire's Environmental Health teams submitted proposals for additional funding, which have been assessed by staff in the Public Health team. The Environmental Health Team at Derbyshire Dales District Council indicated that they did not need additional funding above the original allocation. Further details of the proposals are held by the Outbreak Management team within Public Health.

The majority of additional funding is requested for 2021-22, and this is due to the need for Environmental Health teams to undertake a greater number of non-COVID-19 statutory inspections as premises re-open, the increasing number of outbreaks forecast to require a response as further COVID-19 testing programmes are implemented, and providing additional deployment of EHOs at weekends and evenings. The additional funding will allow teams to maintain their response as part of Derbyshire COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan, as well as increase the number of statutory inspections undertaken. Of note, is the recruitment difficulties in securing a suitably qualified EHO, on a fixed-term contract. There is national demand for such staff, and this has meant using agencies and the market is driving up hourly rates.

The following allocations are proposed for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years:

<b>District/Borough</b>	<b>Additional allocation 2020/21 (£)</b>	<b>Additional allocation 2021/22 (£)</b>
Amber Valley	0	53,000
Bolsover/NE Derbyshire (joint bid)	0	35,000
Chesterfield	0	58,000
Erewash	0	53,000
High Peak	11,000	21,000
South Derbyshire	8,000	40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>260,000</b>

#### Recruitment of an Associate Director of Inequalities (COVID-19)

This post will work with both Directors of Public Health (DPH) in Derby City and Derbyshire, Public Health, health and social care colleagues and will lead on reducing the health inequalities experienced by the population of Derby and Derbyshire, particularly those inequalities created or widened by the impact of COVID-19.

The postholder will provide specialist technical and professional public health leadership, advice and support to the Derby and Derbyshire health and care system to reduce health inequalities across the population based on evidence. This post will take responsibility for the development, implementation and delivery of actions to reduce inequalities in health outcomes. The Director will also consider how inequalities impacts on access to health and care provision, specifically to respond to and mitigate the impact of COVID-19, such as testing and vaccination.

This post is funded jointly between Derby City Council (employer) and Derbyshire County Council for 2 days per week for 6 months.

### **3 Social Value considerations:**

The proposals outlined in the report will help build community resilience to COVID-19 and facilitate the further development of networks of support which people can access throughout the pandemic response. The funding allocation to care homes will enable residents to undertake new activities and maybe delivered in conjunction with local volunteers and community groups.

### **4. Legal considerations:**

Cabinet agreed the overall profile of spend when it met on 4 January 2021 that delegated authority will be given to the Director of Public Health and Cabinet Member for Health and Communities to develop an implementation plan co-ordinate the delivery of the different workstreams described in this report. Where appropriate additional approvals from Cabinet Member would be sought in line with the council's constitution and financial regulations.

The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £0.100m to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Member. The Council's Constitution allows for Cabinet Members to delegate authority to officers to undertake the powers afforded to them by the Constitution. The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grants are made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

### **5. Finance considerations:**

The Council has received additional payments of £6.500m to support local interventions from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund, and all costs identified in this report will be resourced from this fund. Approval is sought for a total of £673,835 to be funded, with the allocation as follows:

- £0.150m paid to care home providers in Derbyshire on a per registered bed basis to fund wellbeing activities whilst visiting restrictions remain in place.

- £50,000 to Derbyshire Voluntary Action to establish a Community Advocate Project across North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield for a 12-month period.
- £25,000 to Bassetlaw CVS to establish a Community Advocate Project across Bolsover for a 12-month period.
- £15,218 to The Bureau to establish a Community Messengers project across Glossopdale for a 12-month period.
- £25,000 to South Derbyshire CVS to establish and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in South Derbyshire for a 12-month period.
- £20,000 to High Peak CVS to establish and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in High Peak for a 12-month period.
- £25,000 to Shift CIC to establish and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in Amber Valley for a 12-month period.
- £25,000 Derbyshire Dales CVS to establish and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in Derbyshire Dales for a 12-month period.
- £25,000 to Erewash Voluntary Action to establish and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in Erewash for a 12-month period.
- £26,000 to the University of Nottingham for the evaluation of the asymptomatic COVID-19 community testing programme in Derbyshire.
- £53,000 to Amber Valley Borough Council to further support implementation of Derbyshire's COVID Outbreak Management Plan
- £35,000 to Bolsover District Council/North East Derbyshire District Council to further support implementation of Derbyshire's COVID Outbreak Management Plan
- £58,000 to Chesterfield Borough Council to further support implementation of Derbyshire's COVID Outbreak Management Plan
- £53,000 to Erewash Borough Council to further support implementation of Derbyshire's COVID Outbreak Management Plan
- £32,000 to High Peak Borough Council to further support implementation of Derbyshire's COVID Outbreak Management Plan
- £48,000 to South Derbyshire District Council to further support implementation of Derbyshire's COVID Outbreak Management Plan
- £8,617 to Derby City Council to fund the employment of an Associate Director of Inequalities (COVID-19)

## 6. **Other considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

## 7. **Background papers:**

[Cabinet Report - COVID-19 Funding allocation to District and Borough Councils to support the Derbyshire response to COVID-19](#)

[Cabinet Report – Investment of Contain Outbreak Management Fund \(14 January 2021\)](#)  
[The Contain Framework](#)

**8. Key Decision:**

No

**9. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

**10. Officer's Recommendation:**

The Cabinet Member for Health and Communities is asked to:

- i. Note the update to the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on the COVID-19 Outbreak Management Fund funding allocations from 30 November 2020 to 18 January 2021.
- ii. Approves the following funding allocations:
  - a. £0.150m paid to care home providers in Derbyshire on a per registered bed basis to fund wellbeing activities whilst visiting restrictions remain in place.
  - b. £210,218 to a range of voluntary sector organisations to deliver the Community Champions scheme, noting the full break down of allocations as outlined in the financial considerations section.
  - c. £26,000 to the University of Nottingham for the evaluation of the asymptomatic COVID-19 community testing programme in Derbyshire.
  - d. £0.279 to district and borough council Environmental Health teams to further support implementation of Derbyshire's COVID Outbreak Management Plan
  - e. £8,617 to Derby City Council to employ an Associate Director of Inequalities (COVID-19)

**Dean Wallace**  
**Director of Public Health**

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER, FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**25 March 2021**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**DERBYSHIRE ADVISORY SERVICES IN FOODBANKS**

**1. Purpose of the Report:**

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities for the allocation of grant funding to Derbyshire Citizens Advice Services for delivery of advisory services in foodbanks at a value of £33,600 for a one-year period.

**2. Information and analysis:**

Derbyshire Citizens Advice services have been working in partnership with Feeding Britain and Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD) to deliver a project across Derbyshire to provide good quality, impartial, free and confidential advice and information to people accessing local foodbanks. This is a settings approach, aiming to ensure that people in food crisis have immediate access to quality advice to tackle the issues that made them vulnerable to hunger and enable appropriate support to engender independence and mitigate continued risk of reliance on the foodbank. Current funding for the project has ended but the partnership recognise the value in the project, and are seeking additional funding to continue the approach until longer term sustainable funding is sourced.

Investment in timely advisory services is more cost effective than allowing an individual's financial, physical and mental health to decline to the point that they require more expensive services in the future. Embedding sessions within food bank settings supports those most in crisis and often experiencing emergency situations. This can bring rapid stability and resolution to the individual's immediate needs, allowing them to plan and budget for the future and reduce their reliance on foodbanks and other services for a prolonged period of time. Additionally, individuals will feel more able to cope with their situation and have a greater awareness of where to find early help should it be needed in the future.

This report seeks investment for a 12-month extension to continue the offer in a number of foodbank settings spread across Derbyshire. As this is a relatively small pot of money, the investment doesn't allow blanket coverage in every area. However, Citizen's Advice will work in partnership with Feeding Derbyshire/RAD to identify areas of highest need in each of the Citizens Advice Office geographies, and mobilise and move resources accordingly as the project progresses. The grant

will cover project costs for a 12-month period, including adviser salaries and on costs, until external funding can be sourced.

The project will be monitored by the Public Health team. It is anticipated that the project will contribute towards several public health indicators including living in poverty, fuel poverty and self-reported wellbeing. Regular monitoring reports will be provided detailing number of clients accessing advice in foodbank sessions, number of issues advice is given for, income gained due to income maximisation and case stories demonstrating impact.

Work is ongoing with Rural Action Derbyshire via the Feeding Derbyshire/Feeding Britain project to secure sustainable longer-term funding for this area of work. It is anticipated that this will be achieved, and thus will enable this project to continue beyond the 12-month period outlined in this report.

### **3. Financial considerations:**

This report seeks approval to award a total grant of £33,600, divided between the four Citizens Advice organisations in Derbyshire as outlined below:

<b>Citizens Advice Office</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Geographical area covered</b>
Derbyshire Districts	£8,400	Erewash, Amber Valley, High Peak and Derbyshire Dales
North East Derbyshire	£8,400	North East Derbyshire and Bolsover
Chesterfield	£8,400	Chesterfield
South Derbyshire	£8,400	South Derbyshire

Funding will be met from the Public Health ring-fenced grant budget.

### **4. Legal considerations:**

The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £100,000 to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Members. The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grants are made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

### **5. Social Value considerations:**

Health and wellbeing is intrinsically linked to the wider social determinants of health including access to food, unemployment and education. Poorer individuals experience worse health outcomes than people better off.



**6. Other considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

**7. Background papers:**

Public Health Investment Panel January 2021 (held on file in Public Health).

**8. Key Decision:**

No

**9. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

**10. Officer's Recommendation:**

The Cabinet Member Health and Communities is asked to:

- Approve the allocation of £33,600 grant funding to Derbyshire Citizens Advice, to enable delivery of an advisory service in foodbank project, over a one year period from date of approval.

**Dean Wallace**  
**Director of Public Health**

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**25 March 2021**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**FEEDING DERBYSHIRE NETWORK AND FINANCIAL ACTION ADVICE  
DERBYSHIRE  
(Health and Communities)**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities for the allocation of grant funding to Rural Action Derbyshire to manage and lead the work of the Feeding Derbyshire Alliance and the Financial Action and Advice Derbyshire (FAAD) Partnership and their associated work programmes, at a value of £50,000 per annum, for a two year period, from April 2021 to March 2023.

**2. Information and analysis:**

Public Health's involvement in finding sustainable solutions to alleviate food poverty in Derbyshire is centred around the work of the Feeding Derbyshire alliance. Feeding Derbyshire has been operational since September 2015 and was one of the 12 official pilots of the Feeding Britain strategy. Rural Action Derbyshire are commissioned by Public Health to co-ordinate the Feeding Derbyshire programme. The programme currently supports the work of foodbanks and community pantries, community cafes, community kitchens, school holiday clubs, and breakfast and after-school clubs across Derbyshire, as well as being responsible for working strategically to alleviate food poverty. Placement of the co-ordinating function of this work with an external organisation such as RAD allows additional funding from Feeding Britain and other sources to be accessed, that would not be available to the Council. Governance is provided by a multi-agency steering group.

Feeding Derbyshire seeks to help those struggling with low incomes, debt and poor access to affordable, nutritious food. Aiming to reduce the negative impact of hunger by working to ensure projects are inclusive and reach the most vulnerable people in the county. Giving families and individuals the confidence and capacity to be self-reliant, able to meet their own and their children's needs.

Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD) Co-ordinate a network of 34 foodbanks operating across 41 locations, as part of Feeding Derbyshire.

The alliance also currently supports the work of a number of Community Cafés, School Food Holiday Clubs, Breakfast and After-School Clubs across Derbyshire. Additionally, in direct response to Covid-19, RAD also set-up a batch cook-delivery scheme involving 12 projects providing ready meals to some of the most vulnerable people in the county. This scheme is providing a much-needed service to vulnerable people whilst they are shielding or self-isolating. By the end of October, the Batch-Cook Scheme Projects had produced and distributed over 55,000 meals. During the first two months of the Spring Lockdown, Derbyshire food projects doubled the amount of food provided to local people. The Feeding Derbyshire Network of Food Banks and Social Eating Projects are currently supporting more than 3,000 of the most vulnerable people in the county.

As part of their Feeding Derbyshire coordination role, Rural Action Derbyshire also lead liaison with Fareshare East Midlands to ensure that food supply meets demand from community programmes in Derbyshire. Fareshare saw the food weight they supply to Derbyshire projects increase from an average of 41,000kgs per month to over 81,000kgs in April and May 2020

Financial Action and Advice Derbyshire (FAAD) is a partnership of over 50 organisations from the Public, Voluntary and Community sectors who work to tackle financial exclusion in Derbyshire. It was established in 2013 and is also hosted by Rural Action Derbyshire, with funding provided by Derbyshire County Council. It aims to bring together key partners to raise awareness of financial inclusion, develop and organise local training and events for frontline workers, lead campaigns and link with local partners to initiate work on financial inclusion agendas.

There is significant cross over of these two agenda areas, so funding one organisation to oversee both partnership agendas offers significant opportunity to align and link work.

In leading both of these Partnerships, Rural Action Derbyshire provide the following:

- Leadership of both the Feeding Derbyshire Steering group and the FAAD Steering Group
- Project co-ordination to drive forward the work of the Feeding Derbyshire Strategy including the School Holiday Food Programme, supporting foodbanks and community based cooking and eating projects such as community cafes.
- Providing support and guidance to Financial Inclusion Groups across the County and drive the work of FAAD.
- Supporting development of the new community food network model of Community Shops and Pantries.
- Development of a wrap-around service offer as part of the network of foodbank provision, to ensure users are able to access other support and

advice to support them out of poverty, such as welfare advice and skills and employment support

- Developing appropriate fundraising and sustainability plans for both groups
- Leading the development of a sustainable food strategy
- Raising awareness of the financial inclusion agenda and food insecurity issues
- Development of networking events, training, newsletters and websites to co-ordinate and support work effectively.

Consolidating the work of the Feeding Derbyshire alliance and FAAD, offers the best long-term opportunity to make a meaningful difference to alleviating food poverty across Derbyshire, and thus improve the health and wellbeing of the local population.

The existing funding agreements with Rural Action Derbyshire ceases at the end of March 2021. This report proposes extending funding to Rural Action Derbyshire for an additional two years, with Public Health continuing to provide strategic leadership to both the Feeding Derbyshire alliance and FAAD Partnership, to support Rural Action Derbyshire. This will ensure that the increased demand for local food supply and financial inclusion support across Derbyshire will continue to be coordinated.

### **3. Financial Considerations:**

This report seeks approval to award a grant of £50,000 per annum, to Rural Action Derbyshire for a two-year period, from April 2021 to March 2023 to lead coordination of the Feeding Derbyshire alliance and FAAD partnership.

Total value of the funding is £0.100m and will be met from the Public Health ring-fenced grant budget.

### **4. Social Value considerations:**

Health and wellbeing is intrinsically linked to the wider social determinants of health including access to food, unemployment and education. Poorer individuals experience worse health outcomes than people better off.

### **5. Legal considerations:**

The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £0.100m to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Members. The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grants are made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

**6. Other considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

**7. Background papers:**

- 28 July 2015 - Cabinet Report: Solutions to food poverty in Derbyshire
- 30 November 2017 - Cabinet Report: Feeding Derbyshire Sustainability plan
- 25 January 2018 - Cabinet Report: Supporting financial inclusion work in Derbyshire
- 11 March 2021 – Cabinet Report: Feeding Derbyshire - Affordable Food Network

**8. Key Decision:**

No

**9. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

**10. Officer's Recommendation:**

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member Health and Communities for the allocation of £50,000 per annum, for a two year period, from April 2021 to March 2023, to Rural Action Derbyshire, to continue to lead and manage the Feeding Derbyshire Partnership and the Financial Action and Advice Derbyshire (FAAD) Partnership and their associated work programmes.

**Dean Wallace**  
**Director of Public Health**

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**25 March 2021**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**FINAL ALLOCATION OF DERBYSHIRE'S CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):  
LOCAL AUTHORITY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR FOOD AND  
ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES (REPORT 4)**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To update the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on the allocations of the Coronavirus (Covid-19): Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies.

To seek approval, as outlined in the report, to enable allocation of the final round of grant funding to external organisations as stated.

To further seek approval that further contingency identified as a result of underspend on projects is split equally between the projects outlined in this report

**2. Information and analysis:**

Derbyshire County Council received £0.808m in the form of a Local Authority Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies. This grant was provided by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to support people who are struggling to afford essentials due to the impact of Covid-19.

Local authorities have the discretion to identify and support those most in need. As such Public Health has been liaising with key partnership groups to develop ideas being put forward, and seek assurance that the grant is meeting local needs.

Three previous reports to the cabinet member setting out the background in detail and allocating the bulk of the monies were approved on 4 September 2020 [Minute number 37/20], 7 January 2021 [Minute 03/21] and 4 February 2021 [Minute 11/21]. Since those reports, disbursement of the agreed monies has taken place.

In all previous reports, in the 'risks' section it was stated:

*“The impact of Covid-19 on our vulnerable communities is constantly changing, making it hard to predict future needs and pressure points. To mitigate against this, the report recommends that a level of contingency funding is set aside in the budget that can be allocated at a later date to meet any emerging needs that haven’t already been considered in the recommendations, or to strengthen ones that require more funding than anticipated’.*

This report proposes expending the remaining contingency budget, to meet the conditions of the grant, by allocating the fourth and final round of money by the 31 March 2021. Due to Derbyshire Discretionary Fund, and the ‘Back to Learning Grants’ drawing down less money than originally budgeted the remaining contingency pot now stands at £0.180m.

This report proposes that remaining funds are allocated as outlined below, to extend the work of a selection of the projects previously approved in recognition of the continuing pressure that people are experiencing as a consequence of the pandemic. This approach is in line with the scope of the original report (4 September 2020) that recommended any contingency funding set aside in the budget could be allocated at a later date to meet any emerging needs that haven’t already been considered in the recommendations, or to strengthen ones that require more funding than anticipated.

Cabinet member approval is therefore sought as follows:

Cabinet member approval sought in this report to allocate as follows:-			
£64,000	Warmer Derby and Derbyshire – Winter Fuel Support	Marches Energy Advice	To work with food banks across Derbyshire providing emergency support on energy use to a minimum of 500 additional householders at a time of crisis
£25,000	Vulnerable population support	North East Derbyshire District Council (holding on behalf of Derbyshire Homeless Officers Group for countywide coverage)	Support the Homelessness Recovery Plan with essential supply needs for a further 6 months.
£42,000	Eviction advice service (North of County)	Derbyshire Law Centre	Derbyshire Law Centre additional court duty / eviction advice service



			capacity. Provide support for a further 6 month period to mitigate against demand in relation to eviction suspension.
£22,000	Eviction advice service (South of County)	DHA/ Derby Law Centre	DHA / Derby Law Centre Support to people 'out of scope' for legal aid who face eviction or a threat to their rented or mortgaged housing, for a further 6 month period.
£15,000	Supporting victims of domestic abuse	Derbyshire Wish The Elm Foundation Crossroads Derbyshire Glow IDVa service	Domestic and personal safety items to those experiencing domestic abuse, for a further 6 month period
£12,927	Rural Hardship Fund	Rural Action Derbyshire	Support those experiencing extreme hardship in rural areas with essential supply needs

### **3. Financial considerations:**

Funding for these grants will be covered by Derbyshire's £0.808m allocation of the Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies provided by DEFRA.

If the allocations outlined in the report are approved, it will bring the total committed so far to the full Derbyshire allocation of £0.808m.

Should any further underspend be identified, this report also seeks approval to award remaining funds equally to the projects outlined in this report. It is anticipated that this would be a minimal amount, but is subject to demand levels experienced by DDF.

### **4. Legal considerations:**

The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £100,000 to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Members. The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grants are made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

## **5. Risk considerations:**

Given the unpredictable nature of the pandemic there remains a risk that demand will outstretch resources.

## **6. Social Value considerations:**

Health and wellbeing is intrinsically linked to the wider social determinants of health including access to food, unemployment and education. Poorer individuals experience worse health outcomes than people better off.

Socioeconomic deprivation puts some people at a much higher risk of catching and dying from Covid 19 (Health Foundation, 2020). Measures put in place to control the virus are also having a disproportionate effect on some communities, which is likely to deepen health inequalities in the longer term (Health Foundation, 2020).

The interventions outlined in this, and previous reports are aimed at supporting those most in need.

## **7. Other considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, and property and transport considerations.

## **8. Background papers:**

- Report for Public Health Senior Management Team: 'Allocation of Derbyshire's Coronavirus (COVID-19): Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies' (4 August 2020)
- Report for Corporate Management Team: 'Allocation of Derbyshire's Coronavirus (COVID-19): Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies' (6 August 2020)
- Cabinet Member Report – 4 September 2020 - Allocation of Derbyshire's Coronavirus (COVID-19): Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential
- Cabinet Member Report – 7 January 2021 - Allocation of Derbyshire's Coronavirus (COVID-19): Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential
- Cabinet Member Report – 4 February 2021 - Allocation of Derbyshire's Coronavirus (COVID-19): Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies (Report 3)

**9. Key Decision:**

No

**10. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

**11. Officer's Recommendation:**

The Cabinet Member for Health and Communities is asked to:

- i. Note the information contained in this report relating to the Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies and,
- ii. Approve the recommendations regarding the final allocation of grant funding to external organisations as stated.
- iii. Approve that any further contingency identified as a result of underspend on projects is split equally between the projects outlined in this report.

**Dean Wallace**  
**Director of Public Health**

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**25 March 2021**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**FUNDING FOR ARTS AND HEALTH PROGRAMME  
(Health and Communities)**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities for the allocation of grant funding to Arts Derbyshire to employ an Arts, Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, at a value of £12,000 per annum, for a five-year period, from April 2021 to March 2026.

**2. Information and analysis:**

The Arts and Health programme is one of the strands of work for Arts Derbyshire, which acts as the strategic centre for arts across the county. The aim of the programme is to improve health and wellbeing through arts and creativity across the county, and especially for those most in need. Arts Derbyshire has been established as a charitable organisation, to work with artists, service providers and the public to provide strategic direction for the arts in Derbyshire, to enable collaborative working for arts development, and to encourage people to take part in the arts. The Arts and Health Coordinator role is an existing post, with a well-established post-holder in place, and is essential for the delivery of the Arts and Health programme; developing strategic partnerships, working with delivery organisations to reach those most in need, designing new programmes to meet identified needs, and writing funding applications to support the work. This co-ordination allows the arts community to offer a consistent approach, cohesive offer and maintain good communication links into health and social care services. The current post-holder has taken proactive steps to improve links between the Arts and Health programme and the Public Health Department and used these links to engage with health service colleagues, for example by working to incorporate Arts and Health within Derbyshire's social prescribing offer.

The Arts and Health programme itself provides creative interventions through a range of activities, including poetry, embroidery, music and dance. These aim to keep people well and support longer lives lived better, through alleviating loneliness, helping improve physical activity and mental health. They have a particular focus on reaching populations whose health outcomes may be affected

by long-term conditions, loneliness, mental health and ageing.

There is a growing evidence base on the effectiveness of arts programmes for improving health and wellbeing outcomes. An All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing report published in 2017, outlined the contribution arts can make to improving health and wellbeing. The 'Creative Health: The Arts for Health and Wellbeing' report highlighted how the arts can contribute to significant challenges the health and social care services are facing, such as ageing well, long term conditions, loneliness and mental health. The World Health Organisation European Regional Office published a Health Evidence network synthesis report that concluded there is evidence the arts contribute to the promotion of good health and the prevention of a range of mental and physical health conditions, as well as the treatment or management of acute and chronic conditions across the life course. The UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport released a report on Arts and Health in April 2020 that corroborated the conclusions of the previous reports.

At a local level, an independent evaluation of the 'A Necklace of Stars' arts project over the past year has shown that people are overwhelmingly pleased they took part. This was a poetry and embroidery project delivered by Arts Derbyshire. The evaluation found that it offered diversion and discipline; structured time; helped overcome blocks in thinking; took a participants mind off their problems and developed new skills, as well as improved participants' sense of worth and self-esteem. The project has had a sustained and broad impact, with some individuals continuing writing or sewing and becoming involved in other groups after the end of the project.

### **3. Financial Considerations:**

This report seeks approval to award a grant of £12,000 per annum, to Arts Derbyshire for a five-year period, from April 2021 to March 2026. Total value of the funding is £60,000 and will be met from the Public Health reserve.

### **4. Legal considerations:**

The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £100,000 to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Members. The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grants are made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

### **5. Other considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

**6. Background papers:**

None

**7. Key Decision:**

No

**8. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

**9. Officer's Recommendation:**

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member Health and Communities for the allocation of £12,000 per annum, for a five-year period, from April 2021 to March 2026, to Arts Derbyshire, to employ an Arts, Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator.

**Dean Wallace**  
**Director of Public Health**

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**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE: A LOCALITY APPROACH**

**1. Purpose of the Report:**

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member Health and Communities for the allocation of £0.100m funding to each of the eight Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, to enable delivery of an approach to support the emotional wellbeing of children and young people, over a two year period from 1 April 2021.

**2. Information and Analysis:**

In December 2020, the Public Health Investment Panel received and supported an application for investment into the emotional wellbeing of children and young people through a locality approach. This proposed funding will help to address the increasing rates of mental disorder in England. In 2020, one in six (16.0%) children aged 5 to 16 years were identified as having a probable mental disorder, increasing from one in nine (10.8%) in 2017. Due to the lack of lower level, early intervention and preventative opportunities, mental health services can become overwhelmed, the symptoms of young people often worsen and can become more chronic or embedded.

The grants proposed in this report will support Health and Wellbeing Partnerships across Derbyshire to co-ordinate a preventative approach that enables the expansion of mental health awareness, promotion of protective factors, early identification, early intervention and support for the emotional wellbeing of children and young people through a community-based approach. The approach will build on from foundational work in localities that has developed over the last few years, including training, partnership engagement, pathway development and consultation.

The Public Health Localities and Place-based approach delivers a broad range of locally-developed projects and programmes, which are monitored and reported annually. These are currently agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Partnerships. There are eight Health and Wellbeing Partnerships across Derbyshire, arranged on a district/borough footprint. Each Health and Wellbeing Partnership works to improve the health of local communities, through promoting

health-related behaviours, and addressing the wider determinants of health, such as housing, employment and skills, and financial inclusion. Membership of the partnerships reflects local variation, but core membership includes elected members from County, District, Parish and Town councils, representatives from Adult Care and Children’s Services, district and borough council staff, NHS commissioners and providers, Police, Fire and Rescue, voluntary sector organisations and representatives from local communities

Building on local assets and intelligence, this report proposes that £0.100m is allocated to each of the eight Locality Health and Wellbeing Partnership to support and drive work over a 24 month period to deliver against a Young Peoples Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework, by developing bespoke action plans to address emotional wellbeing within communities.

Each local programme will be based on the *Thrive* model principles (<https://www.annafreud.org/mental-health-professionals/thrive-framework/>), focussing on the delivery of prevention and promotion strategies in a whole-system partnership approach. It will enable primary prevention, both universal and targeted; it will maximise secondary prevention with early identification and early intervention; and is ultimately aimed at helping to stem the flow of young people requiring mental health services or treatment. Work will be supported strategically by the Public Health Lead for Mental Health.

The project will be evaluated internally with support from a Specialist Public Health Registrar, utilising an outcomes-based accountability approach. It is anticipated that the project will contribute towards several public health indicators including self-reported wellbeing, emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm and children reporting that they have a trusted adult.

### 3. Financial considerations:

This report seeks approval to allocate £0.100m funding to each of the eight Locality Health and Wellbeing Partnership as outlined below, totaling £0.800m, over a 2-year period from 1 April 2021.

Funding will be met from the Public Health reserve budget, and will be awarded to Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in line with current locality arrangements. See background reports for further information.

Locality	Amount over 2 years	Health and Wellbeing Partnership Budget holder
Amber Valley	£100,000	Amber Valley Borough Council
Bolsover	£100,000	Bolsover District Council
Chesterfield	£100,000	Chesterfield Borough Council
Derbyshire Dales	£100,000	Derbyshire Dales CVS
Erewash	£100,000	Derbyshire County Council

High Peak	£100,000	High Peak Borough Council
North East Derbyshire	£100,000	North East Derbyshire District Council
South Derbyshire	£100,000	South Derbyshire District Council

#### 4. Legal considerations:

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#### 5. Other considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property, and transport considerations.

#### 6. Background papers:

- Public Health Investment Panel Jan 2021 (held on file by Public Health)
- Public Health Investment Fund MH YP Emotional Wellbeing 1 Locality Approach Dec 2020 (held on file by Public Health)
- [Public Health Locality Programme Investment, Cabinet Report March 2020](#)

#### 7. Key Decision:

Yes

#### 8. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

#### 9. Officer's Recommendation:

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member Health and Communities for the allocation of £0.100m to each of the eight Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, to enable delivery of an approach to support the emotional wellbeing of children and young people, over a two year period from 1 April 2021.

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