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To: Members of Cabinet Member meeting - Health and Communities

Thursday, 13 August 2020

Dear Councillor

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member meeting - Health and Communities** to be held virtually on MS Teams at **12.00 pm** on **Friday, 21 August 2020**; the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hobbs', written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Simon Hobbs**  
**Director of Legal and Democratic Services**

## **A G E N D A**

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

1. Declarations of Interest - to receive declarations of interest (if any)
2. To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Health and Communities held on 3 August 2020 (Pages 1 - 2)
3. To consider the non-exempt joint reports of the Executive Director of Adult Care, Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities and Policy, Executive Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, Director for Public Health and Director of Finance & ICT on:

- 3 (a) Revenue Outturn 2020 (Pages 3 - 8)
- 3 (b) Budget Monitoring 2020 Period 2 (Pages 9 - 14)
- 4. To consider the non-exempt report of the Director for Public Health on Public Health Services (update) (Pages 15 - 20)

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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 3 August 2020 virtually on MS Teams

**PRESENT**

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillor G Wharmby

**29/20** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 22 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

**30/20** **REVIEW OF URGENT DECISION OF CHANGES TO DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH DELIVERED SERVICES** The Cabinet Member was updated on changes made to Public Health-delivered services due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Live Life Better Derbyshire - Stop Smoking, Weight Management, Physical Activity and the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) remained on pause, with support still available to existing and new clients through phone and video-call support. Smokers and specific clients were prioritised for support due to their high risk status as a result of COVID19. NHS guidance on prioritisation of community health services during the COVID19 pandemic had been provided from NHS England and NHS Improvement; the NCMP programme would apply until 31<sup>st</sup> July at the earliest.

School Crossing Patrols – the Service was now in a position to open with only five sites struggling to open at the start of the new term in September; three were unable to accommodate social distancing guidance and the other two were where the schools had made temporary changes to site entrances and exits, meaning that the patrol was not required at the site whilst these were in place. These sites would be reviewed in the new term. The Service would be reviewing patrol duty times with each school during the school holidays to ensure that each site had a patrol when schools needed them in the new term.

Time Swap, Safe Places, Local Area Co-ordination, Disability Employment Service, First contact, 50+ Forums and the Pension Credit Project continued to offer a variety of means of help and support to vulnerable people within the community. The majority of 50+ Forum members were aged over 70 years old, and therefore were recommended to implement stringent social distancing and social isolation practices due to their increased risk of more severe illness from COVID19. Pension Credit Support remained available to older people through the work of the Welfare Rights Service but not on the scale achievable by the project. The services remained suspended, with staff redeployed to support the Council's response to COVID19.

**RESOLVED** - that the Cabinet Member note the report.

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER - HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**21 August 2020**

**Joint Report of the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health,  
Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities and Policy, Executive  
Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, Director of Public Health  
and Director of Finance & ICT**

**REVENUE OUTTURN 2019-2020  
(HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To report the final revenue outturn position for 2019-20 and to identify significant variations in expenditure from the budget.

To note the balance on earmarked reserves for the portfolio.

**2. Information and Analysis**

**2.1 Summary**

The 2019-20 controllable net budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was £4.433m. This figure includes the Public Health base budget of £39.477m which was fully funded by the ring-fenced Grant.

There was an overspend of £21,638 against the ring-fenced Public Health Grant budget. This has been met by the Public Health Reserve at Year-End and the resulting position is reflected in the table below. The controllable underspend against the rest of the portfolio was £0.262m.

During the financial year the portfolio incurred additional costs of almost £19,000 due to the Toddbrook Reservoir Whaley Bridge incident, which was funded from The Council's General Reserve.

The areas which make up this total underspend are shown in the table below:

| <b>HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO</b> |                                    |                                |                     |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>OUTTURN 2019-20</b>                  |                                    |                                |                     |
| <b>DIVISION</b>                         | <b>CONTROLLABLE<br/>NET BUDGET</b> | <b>CONTROLLABLE<br/>ACTUAL</b> | <b>(UNDER)/OVER</b> |
|   | <b>£m</b>                          | <b>£m</b>                      | <b>£m</b>           |
| <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>                    | <b>2.745</b>                       | <b>2.745</b>                   | <b>0.000</b>        |
|   |                                    |                                |                     |
| <b>COMMUNITIES</b>                      |                                    |                                |                     |
| Community Safety                        | (1.195)                            | (1.245)                        | (0.050)             |
| Emergency Planning                      | 0.290                              | 0.272                          | (0.018)             |
| Trading Standards                       | 1.221                              | 1.030                          | (0.191)             |
| <b>TOTAL COMMUNITIES</b>                | <b>0.316</b>                       | <b>0.057</b>                   | <b>(0.259)</b>      |
|   |                                    |                                |                     |
| <b>Coroners</b>                         | <b>1.888</b>                       | <b>1.849</b>                   | <b>(0.039)</b>      |
| <b>Registrars</b>                       | <b>(0.516)</b>                     | <b>(0.480)</b>                 | <b>0.036</b>        |
|   |                                    |                                |                     |
| <b>TOTAL FOR PORTFOLIO</b>              | <b>4.433</b>                       | <b>4.171</b>                   | <b>(0.262)</b>      |

## 2.2 Key variances

### Trading Standards – underspend £0.191m

The Trading Standards underspend can be attributed to planning for the achievement of the future savings, one off funding to support older people in relation to scams and doorstep crime, vacancies and additional income.

### Public Health – overspend £21,638

The overspend on the ring-fenced grant budget for 2019-20 has been met by the balance of the Public Health Reserve. Plans are in place committing the remaining balance, including £2.000m to provide post Covid-19 support in areas such as Mental Health and Wellbeing, Domestic Violence and the Community response to support our most vulnerable residents, £0.800m to meet increased drug costs within the Substance Misuse Integrated Contract, £0.500m investment in Substance Misuse Recovery Hubs, £0.500m Health Improvement Behaviour change, £0.323m to support the recent move to a section 75 agreement for Children's Public Health services and £0.150m additional support of CAB service.

Extra budget provision has been made in the 2020-21 Public Health budget to fund £0.550m of investment in Children's Health as well as investing over £1.000m in areas such as Supported employment, School crossing patrols and Community based health interventions.

## 2.3 Budget Savings Targets

| <b>Budget Reductions</b>    | <b>£m</b>    |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Prior Year B/f              | 0.000        |
| Current Year                | 0.207        |
| <b>Total Savings Target</b> | <b>0.207</b> |

The table below shows performance against each initiative.

| <b>Identified Savings Initiatives</b>          | <b>Budget Reduction Amount<br/>£m</b> | <b>Achieved by the end of 2019-20<br/>£m</b> | <b>(Shortfall)/ Additional Savings Achieved<br/>£m</b> |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Emergency Planning                             | 0.057                                 | 0.057  | 0.000  |
| Registrars                                     | 0.050                                 | 0.050  | 0.000  |
| Community Safety Projects                      | 0.049                                 | 0.050  | 0.001  |
| Trading Standards Restructuring                | 0.050                                 | 0.050  | 0.000  |
| <b>Total of Identified Savings Initiatives</b> | <b>0.206</b>                          | <b>0.207</b>                                 | <b>0.001</b>   |
| Shortfall/(Surplus) of Identified Savings      | 0.001                                 |  |  |
| <b>Total Savings Target</b>                    | <b>0.207</b>                          | <b>0.207</b>                                 | <b>0.000</b>   |

## 2.4 Growth Items and One-Off Funding

The portfolio received the following additional one-off budget allocations in 2019-20:

### 2.4.1 Trading Standards – Older People - £48,000 one-off

Provide a sustained Awareness raising programme over 3 years to reduce the number of instances of fraudulent activity against Older People.

## **2.4.2 Community Safety - Digital MOT funding from Proceeds of Crime Reserve - £13,500 one-off draw down from reserve**

Technical development of Digital MOT on-line risk assessment to be hosted by Safer Derbyshire website.

## **2.4.3 Coroners – Unpaid duties due to HMRC - £0.156m one-off**

Assistant Coroners were deemed to be DCC employees by HMRC so one-off amount due to HMRC.

## **2.5 Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves**

A detailed analysis of the portfolio's earmarked reserves totaling £10.264m is shown below.

|   | Opening<br>Balance<br>£m | Additions<br>£m | Used/<br>Returned<br>£m | Closing<br>Balance<br>£m |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Public Health Reserve                           | 7.601                    | 0.000           | (0.177)                 | 7.424                    |
| Public Health s256/Externally<br>Funded Reserve | 0.254                    | 0.000           | (0.010)                 | 0.244                    |
| Emergency Planning -<br>Reservoirs              | 0.078                    | 0.000           | 0.000                   | 0.078                    |
| Community Safety                                | 0.081                    | 0.000           | (0.060)                 | 0.021                    |
| Community Safety - Domestic<br>Violence         | 2.000                    | 0.142           | 0.000                   | 2.142                    |
| Syrian Refugee Project                          | 0.079                    | 0.000           | 0.000                   | 0.079                    |
| Trusted Trader                                  | 0.014                    | 0.030           | 0.000                   | 0.044                    |
| Trading Standards - Scams                       | 0.057                    | 0.000           | 0.000                   | 0.057                    |
| Proceeds of Crime                               | 0.073                    | 0.076           | (0.014)                 | 0.135                    |
| Registrars - high quality printer               | 0.015                    | 0.000           | (0.015)                 | 0.000                    |
| Coroners – new Case Load<br>system              | 0.040                    | 0.000           | 0.000                   | 0.040                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                    | <b>10.292</b>            | <b>0.248</b>    | <b>(0.276)</b>          | <b>10.264</b>            |

## **2.6 Debt Position**

Debt figures relating to Public Health are included in the Adult Social Care and Health Department's figures as reported in the Adult Care portfolio Outturn report for 2019-20. Figures for the remainder of the portfolio are included in the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department's figures as reported in the Council Services portfolio Outturn report for 2019-20.

## **3. Financial Considerations**

As detailed in the report.



#### **4. 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; and environmental, health, human resources, property, social value and transport considerations.

#### **5. Key Decision**

No.

#### **6. Call-in**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of decisions proposed in the report? No

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

Held on file within the Adult Social Care and Health, Commissioning Communities and Policy and Economy Transport and Environment Departments. Officer contact details – Karen Howes extension 38730 (Emergency Planning), Paula Littlewood extension 38922 (Community Safety, Trading Standards, Coroners and Registrars) and David King extension 38758 (Public Health),

#### **8. OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION**

That the Cabinet Member notes the revenue outturn position for 2019-20 and the balance of earmarked reserves as at 31 March 2020.

**Helen Jones**  
**Executive Director – Adult**  
**Social Care and Health**

**Emma Alexander**  
**Executive Director Commissioning**  
**Communities and Policy**

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

**Mike Ashworth**  
**Executive Director – Economy,**  
**Transport and Environment**

**Peter Handford**  
**Director of Finance & ICT**

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER - HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**21 August 2020**

**Joint Report of the Executive Director of Adult Care, Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities and Policy, Executive Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, Director of Finance & ICT and Director of Public Health**

**BUDGET MONITORING 2020-21 – PERIOD 2 (as at 31 May 2020)  
(HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

To provide the Cabinet Member with an update of the Revenue Budget position of the Health and Communities portfolio for 2020-21 up to the end of May (Period 2).

**2 Information and Analysis**

**2.1 Forecast Summary**

The net controllable budget for the Health and Communities portfolio is £8.619m.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 2 indicates that there is a projected year-end overspend of £0.567m.

The overspend will be supported by the use of £1.483m additional Covid-19 funding. After the use of this funding the forecast position is an underspend of £0.916m.

The significant areas which make up this projection are shown in the table below:

|   | <b>Controllable<br/>Budget<br/>£m</b> | <b>Projected<br/>Actuals<br/>£m</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Over/(Under)<br/>Spend<br/>£m</b> |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Public Health – Live Life Better Derbyshire | 3.235                                 | 2.660                               | (0.575)   |
| Public Health – OBA Priorities              | 0.500                                 | 0.250                               | (0.250)   |

|   |               |              |                |
|---|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Other minor balances  | 1.297         | 1.251        | (0.046)        |
| <b>Total for Public Health</b>  | <b>5.032</b>  | <b>4.161</b> | <b>(0.871)</b> |
| Emergency Planning – additional costs related to Covid-19                 | 0.269         | 0.594        | 0.325          |
| Community Safety – Domestic Violence additional costs related to Covid-19 | 0.793         | 0.988        | 0.195          |
| Trading Standards - loss of income due to Covid-19                        | 1.242         | 1.325        | 0.083          |
| Registrars – loss of income due to Covid-19                               | (0.564)       | 0.206        | 0.770          |
| Coroners  | 1.847         | 1.912        | 0.065          |
| <b>Total for remainder of Portfolio</b>                                   | <b>3.587</b>  | <b>5.025</b> | <b>1.438</b>   |
| <b>Total for Portfolio</b>  | <b>8.619</b>  | <b>9.186</b> | <b>0.567</b>   |
| Use of Covid-19 funding   | 1.483         | 0.000        | (1.483)        |
| <b>Total After Use of Additional Funding</b>                              | <b>10.102</b> | <b>9.186</b> | <b>(0.916)</b> |

## 2.2 Key Variances

### 2.2.1 Public Health - underspend £0.871m

A significant part of the underspend is generated from the Live Life Better Derbyshire Service which has seen activity adversely affected by Covid-19 and the need to socially distance and self-isolate.

### 2.2.2 Registrars - overspend £0.770m

The majority of this overspend is due to loss of income from fees as a result of Covid-19.

### 2.2.3 Emergency Planning - overspend £0.325m

The majority of this overspend is due to additional costs incurred in April and forecast to June 2020, due to Covid-19, for hand sanitiser and the cost for overtime for Emergency Planning staff.

## 2.2.4 Community Safety - overspend £0.195m

The majority of this overspend is due to additional costs relating to Covid-19 in Domestic Violence and Hate Crime services.

## 2.3 Budget Savings

Budget reductions totaling £0.216m were allocated for the year. There was no carry forward of reductions allocated in prior years that had not been achieved and so the total reductions to be achieved is £0.216m at the start of the year.

The value of the savings initiatives which have been identified for implementation in the current year is £0.216m.

The shortfall between the total reductions expected to be achieved and the identified savings initiatives at the start of the year is £0.000m.

It is forecast that £0.216m of savings will have been achieved by the year-end.

The table below shows performance against the target.

| <b>Identified Savings Initiatives</b>                           | <b>Budget Reduction Amount<br/>£m</b> | <b>Forecast to be Achieved by the end of 2020-21<br/>£m</b> | <b>(Shortfall)/ Additional Savings Achieved<br/>£m</b> |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Community Safety – reduction in staffing                        | 0.065                                 | 0.065   | 0.000  |
| Community Safety – cease funding Stop Hate                      | 0.007                                 | 0.007   | 0.000  |
| Community Safety – Increase recharges for Training              | 0.008                                 | 0.008   | 0.000  |
| Trading Standards - Restructure                                 | 0.061                                 | 0.061   | 0.000  |
| Trading Standards – Cessation of Weight Restriction enforcement | 0.025                                 | 0.025   | 0.000  |
| Registrars – increased charges                                  | 0.050                                 | 0.050   | 0.000  |
| <b>Total of Identified Savings Initiatives</b>                  | <b>0.216</b>                          | <b>0.216</b>  | <b>0.000</b>   |

|   |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Shortfall/(Surplus) of Identified Savings | 0.000        |              |              |
| <b>Total Savings Target</b>               | <b>0.216</b> | <b>0.216</b> | <b>0.000</b> |

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Budget Reductions</b>    | <b>£m</b>    |
| Prior Year B/f              | 0.000        |
| Current Year                | 0.216        |
| <b>Total Savings Target</b> | <b>0.216</b> |

## 2.4 Growth Items and One-Off Funding

The portfolio received the following additional budget allocations in 2020-21:

### 2.4.1 Coroners – Pathologists costs - £0.101m ongoing

This is being used to meet the increasing fees due to a national shortage of Pathologists. Currently £0.017m has been spent.

### 2.4.2 Community Safety – Use of Domestic Violence Reserve - £0.500m one-off

This is being used to meet increasing costs of Domestic Violence services. Currently £0.125m has been spent.

## 2.5 Risks

There is a risk that the following issues could negatively impact on the portfolio's forecast outturn position reported in the Forecast Summary above:

| <b>Service</b>   | <b>Risk</b>  | <b>Sensitivity*</b><br><b>£m</b> | <b>Likelihood</b><br><b>1 = Low,</b><br><b>5 = High</b> |
|------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Coroners service | Accommodation at Chesterfield  | 0.008                            | 5   |
| Coroners service | Increased costs of Case Management system  | 0.060                            | 5   |
| Service-wide     | Covid-19 pressures – loss of fee income, increase in instances of Domestic Violence and Hate Crime, continuing increase in costs | 1.483                            | 3   |

\*Sensitivity represents the potential negative impact on the outturn position should the event occur.

## 2.6 Earmarked Reserves

Earmarked reserves totaling £10.264m are currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves are as follows:

| <b>Reserve Description</b>              | <b>Amount<br/>£m</b> |
|---|----------------------|
| Public Health ring-fenced reserve       | 7.424                |
| Public Health externally funded reserve | 0.244                |
| Emergency Planning - Reservoirs         | 0.078                |
| Community Safety – Domestic Violence    | 2.142                |
| Community Safety                        | 0.021                |
| Syrian Refugee Project                  | 0.079                |
| Proceeds of Crime                       | 0.135                |
| Trusted Trader                          | 0.044                |
| Scams Prevention                        | 0.057                |
| Coroners – new Case Load system         | 0.040                |
| <b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>         | <b>10.264</b>        |

## 2.7 Debt Position

Debt figures relating to Public Health are included in the Adult Social Care and Health Department's figures as reported in the Adult Care portfolio month 2 Budget and Performance report. Figures for the remainder of the portfolio are included in the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department's figures as reported in the Council Services portfolio month 2 Budget and Performance report.

### **3 Financial Considerations**

As detailed in the report.

### **4 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; and environmental, health, human resources, property, social value and transport considerations.

### **5 Key Decision**

No.

### **6 Call-In**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

### **7 Background Papers**

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### **8 Officer Recommendations**

That the Cabinet Member notes the report.

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**21 August 2020**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**REVIEW OF URGENT DECISION OF CHANGES TO DELIVERY OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH DELIVERED SERVICES**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To update the Cabinet Member on changes made to Public Health delivered services due to the COVID19 pandemic.

**2. Information and analysis:**

The COVID19 pandemic has resulted in the implementation of national guidance for social distancing, self-isolation and the closure, and subsequent partial re-opening, of schools. In light of these requirements changes have been made to the delivery model for Public Health services, including the suspension of some services.

The Council's Constitution allows for Executive Directors to make urgent decisions:

*Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the Executive Directors shall have power, after discussion, if practicable, with the leader of the Council or the relevant Cabinet Member or Chairman, to take such action deemed to be necessary and expedient in matters requiring urgent consideration and which, because of the time scales involved, or the need to safeguard the interests of the County Council, cannot be dealt with by submission to the next following meeting of the Council, Cabinet, Cabinet Member or Committee.*

Changes to the delivery of Public Health services were approved by the Director of Public Health and the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities in March 2020, and subsequently ratified by Cabinet on 23 April 2020. The decision has been reviewed on a fortnightly basis by the Director of Public Health, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities.

Current delivery of Public Health delivered services is as follows:

### Live Life Better Derbyshire - Stop Smoking, Weight Management, Physical Activity and the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Live Life Better Derbyshire provides support to Derbyshire residents who wish to stop smoking, lose weight or increase levels of physical activity. It also delivers the National Child Measurement Programme, a mandated Public Health function for the Council, that measures the height and weight of children in Reception class and year 6, to assess overweight and obesity levels in children within primary schools.

Face-to-face service delivery was stopped on 18<sup>th</sup> March, and remains paused, however support remains available to existing and new clients through phone and video-call support, in conjunction with online resources. Smokers and clients with a BMI of over 40 are being prioritised for support due to their increased risk of serious illness as a result of COVID19.

We have been informed that there is an expectation that NCMP should re-commence in early 2021, and will ensure service delivery aligns with COVID19 practices within school settings. On receipt of further guidance the service will plan accordingly to ensure delivery for the 2020/21 academic year.

### School Crossing Patrols

Following the national policy announcement for a phased return to schools starting from 1st June, the service has assessed sites where a service can resume. This requires consideration of staff availability, a risk assessment of each site to ensure that social distancing can be safely implemented for the School Crossing Patrol and children and their parents/carers, and confirmation from schools as to their arrangements for children to be able to return to school.

The service is now in a position to open all but 5 sites at the start of the new term in September. Out of these sites 3 are unable to accommodate social distancing guidance and the other 2 are where the schools have made temporary changes to site entrances and exits, meaning that the patrol is not required at the site whilst these are in place. These sites will be reviewed in the new term.

During the school holidays the service will be reviewing patrol duty times with each school to ensure that each site is on patrol when schools need them in the new term.

### Time Swap, Safe Places, Local Area Co-ordination, Disability Employment Service, First contact, 50+ Forums and the Pension Credit Project

Time Swap is an initiative that encourages local communities to help each other by sharing time and talents. Time Swap members earn 'time' by giving help and support to other members in your community, and in return spend that time on getting help from other members.

Safe Places are public buildings in towns and communities across Derbyshire, such as libraries, shops, pharmacies and GP surgeries. A Safe Place is somewhere vulnerable individuals can go if they feel scared, are lost or need help when they are out and about.

Local Area Co-ordination is a way of supporting people with disabilities, mental ill health, older people and their families and carers. Local Area Co-ordinators support people to live fulfilling lives, stay safe and be well connected with their local communities. Local Area Co-ordinators work in the Bolsover, Amber Valley and High Peak areas.

The Disability Employment Service supports disabled people to find training, work experience, voluntary work and paid employment.

First Contact provides an easy way for Derbyshire residents to get in touch with local services who can support wellbeing and help with staying independent. The Council runs the scheme in partnership with a variety of local agencies.

50+ Forums provide an opportunity for Derbyshire residents aged 50 and above to become involved in the services that are delivered in their area. The majority of 50+ Forum members are aged over 70 years old, and therefore are recommended to implement stringent social distancing and social isolation practices due to their increased risk of more severe illness from COVID19.

The Pension Credit project identifies and supports older people entitled to, but not claiming, pension credit. New contacts with clients were suspended from 13th March and the team has been following up on existing contacts by telephone. Support remains available to older people through the work of the Welfare Rights Service more widely, but not on the scale achievable by the project.

All the above Public Health services were suspended across Derbyshire on 20 March, with the exception of the Pension Credit Project which was suspended on 6 April. The services remain suspended, with staff redeployed to support the Council's response to COVID19, for example within the Community Response Unit.

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

No additional costs have been identified as a result of the changes to the delivery of Public Health services.

### **4. HR considerations:**

Where possible, staff working in the Public Health services detailed above have been redeployed to support the Council's response to COVID19, for example within the Community Response Unit.

## **5. Legal considerations:**

The Council has powers in accordance with s1-6 of the Localism Act 2011 to do that which will be to the 'benefit of the authority, its area or persons resident or present in its area'. The proposed benefit of this action is to support the reduction in COVID19 infections and reduce the transmission of the virus. Due to the timescales involved it has not been possible to consult affected persons but arrangements have been put in place to continue to support people most vulnerable to COVID19 complications. The decision is a proportionate and reasonable response to COVID19 risks. The Director of Public Health, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities, will review on a fortnightly basis the decision to change or suspend delivery of these services, particularly in light of any changes to the Government's social distancing and self-isolation recommendations.

## **6. Other considerations:**

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

## **7. Background papers:**

Cabinet report 23 April 2020: Officer decisions

Cabinet Member report 8 July 2020: Review of urgent decision of changes to delivery of Public Health delivered services

Cabinet Member report 22 July 2020: Review of urgent decision of changes to delivery of Public Health delivered services

Cabinet Member report 3 August 2020: Review of urgent decision of changes to delivery of Public Health delivered services

Fortnightly reports to the Director of Public Health: available on request from Public Health Department

## **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:**

That the Cabinet Member approves the ongoing changes to delivery of Public Health services as a result of the COVID19 pandemic.

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

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