

Public Document Pack



Helen Barrington
Director of Legal Services
County Hall
Matlock
Derbyshire
DE4 3AG

Extension
Direct Dial 01629 538394
Ask for Juliette
Normington

PUBLIC

To: Members of Cabinet Member - Health and Communities

Wednesday, 9 June 2021

Dear Councillor

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member - Health and Communities** to be held at **12.00 pm** on **Thursday, 17 June 2021** in Committee Room 1; 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 3 June 2021 (Pages 1 - 4)
3. To consider the non-exempt report of the Director of Legal Services on Grant to Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group (Health and Communities) (Pages 5 - 20)

This page is intentionally left blank

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 3 June 2021 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillor N Atkin

28/21 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 14 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

29/21 **UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND** The Cabinet Member was updated on organisations supported through the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

The 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 response. Supporting 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 model to operate within the guidance, often requiring additional resources.

Funding up to a maximum value of £2,000 was available for constituted groups and £250 for non-constituted groups following the establishment of a Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund that supported 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. The Fund was funded from the Public Health Grant so all applications must be linked to the Public Health work programme to allow the Public Health Emergency Fund to run concurrently. Authority for approval of applications was delegated by the Cabinet Member to the Director of Public Health, with quarterly update reports.

This was the fourth quarterly update covering organisations who had received funding from 22 February 2021 to 26 April 2021; these were detailed in the report.

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

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

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

30/21 USE OF THE CONTAIN OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SELF-ISOLATION SUPPORT

Approval was sought from the Cabinet Member to fund Citizens Advice Derbyshire for additional surge capacity to provide specific advice, information and resources that support individuals to successfully plan for and adhere to self-isolation requirements linked to COVID-19.

Local welfare assistance and advice provision was likely to be in high demand throughout the 2021/22 financial year where Derbyshire individuals would still be asked to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19 or had been identified as a close contact of someone who had tested positive, creating challenges in terms of financial hardship or concerns about their rights during this period. The proposed activity sought to proactively prevent this, ensure access to the £500 self-isolation support and a local solution was in place where required.

The report went on to explain the rationale and evidence used to support this approach including recent research by [Public Health Wales](#) which made several recommendations, including increased financial support should be made available to enable individuals to get essential items and support that helped to minimise the potential health and economic harm of self-isolation.

Derbyshire Citizens Advice had identified that securing additional capacity for a period of 12 months would allow to offer dedicated over-the-phone practical financial and specialist advice regarding employment rights and status. There was considerable evidence of the effectiveness of advice from Derbyshire Citizens Advice of improving local wellbeing and this was detailed within the report.

Collaborative pathways would be developed with the Derbyshire Welfare Rights Service, Derbyshire Discretionary Fund, local contact tracing team and Community Response Unit enabling staff to signpost individuals to CA support (and vice versa) as required as part of a more local and holistic response to supporting individuals to effectively self-isolate or plan for self-isolation. It was intended that by providing this advice and support, individuals would be less likely to challenge the rules, enabling them to self-isolate, work safely and provide accurate test and trace information as the financial jeopardy of doing so was substantially mitigated.

Funding would be allocated on a locality basis to the four Citizens Advice Offices covering Chesterfield, Derbyshire Districts (Derbyshire Dales, High Peak, Amber Valley, Erewash), Mid Mercia (South Derbyshire) and North East Derbyshire (Bolsover and North East Derbyshire). This would secure 7.4 additional FTE adviser capacity across the county at a cost of £223,358. Citizens Advice would monitor and evaluate the project and sample a small number of users to understand whether the advice provided was effective.

DCC had been allocated a total Contain funding grant of £20.182m of which £19.058 m had been rolled over to 2021-22. A further £3.958m of Contain funding had been allocated from the Department of Health and Social Care for 2021-22.

RESOLVED – that the Cabinet Member approve funding to Citizens Advice Derbyshire for additional surge capacity to provide specific advice, information and resources that support individuals to successfully plan for and adhere to self-isolation requirements linked to COVID-19.

31/21 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

32/21 **RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 14 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

This page is intentionally left blank



FOR PUBLICATION

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH THE CABINET MEMBER HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

17 June 2021

Report of the Director of Legal Services

**Grant to Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group
(Health and Communities)**

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County-wide

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision.

3. Purpose

3.1 The purpose of this report is consider a grant request from the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group ('the Group') to Derbyshire County Council ('the Council') in recognition of its work with Gypsies and Travellers in Derbyshire in the year 2020-2021.

3.2 Cabinet are asked to:

- a) Award a grant of £3,500 to the Group, in recognition of its work in the County over the current year.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 The Group is asking for support for its work over the financial year with traditional Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers. It plays an extremely

important role in supporting the three Council owned Traveller sites in Derbyshire. Other activities include assistance with private site planning applications and dealing with issues of education, health and welfare of Travellers. Over the years the Council has held regular discussions with the Group on issues arising from unauthorised encampments, site management and on developing good practice in dealing with unauthorised encampments.

- 4.2 During Covid-19 the Group assisted numerous roadside families by supplying special dietary food when shelves were empty. They did this by organising a weekly drop off and undertaking welfare checks at the same time. The Group also arranged vaccination for 25 who did not have a GP or in contact with any GPs.
- 4.3 The Group works to combat discrimination and promote the rights of Gypsies and Travellers in Derbyshire.
- 4.4 The Group relies on small annual grants to cover the baseline running costs.
- 4.5 In the year 2019/2020 the group was awarded a grant of £3,500.

5. Alternative Options Considered

- 5.1 Do nothing.
- 5.2 Reject the grant request and that the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group not to be awarded £3,500 for the year 2020-2021.

6. Implications

- 6.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 The DGLG report and accounts have been supplied by the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1- Implications
- 8.2 Appendix 2- DGLG Report
- 8.3 Appendix 3- Accounts

9. Recommendation(s)

9.1 That Cabinet:

- a) Approve the grant request and that the Group be awarded £3,500 in recognition of its work in the County over the current year, subject to the County Council's standard conditions of grants.

10. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

10.1 Grant awarded to the Group in recognition of its work in the County over the current year.

11. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?

11.1 No

Report Author: Mark Hosker, Legal Assistant – Rights of Way & Traveller Liaison Officer

Contact details: mark.hosker@derbyshire.gov.uk

Implications

a) Financial

Budgetary provision of £3,500 from the Travellers budget held within Commissioning Communities and Policy has been made to support Traveller organisations in the current year.



6.05.21

March 2020- April 2021

Activities undertaken.

At the start of March 2020, we were in lockdown, due to Corona virus, we did not undertake any meeting activities and had to undertake some re arrangements quite fast. This was in relation to the families that we support at the side of the road, we were able to make sure that they had access to supplies, we had to source and deliver to people on special diets, as early in the pandemic, shelves had been cleared of gluten, wheat free goods. We got supplies of special diet food and other supplies delivered to volunteer homes and delivered them from there. We organised a drop off once a week to deliver goods as we needed to try and cut down journeys to and from site. We also undertook welfare checks at the same time, making it a regular day so that if any help was needed, they would know that every Wednesday we would be there.

The DDDC did provide standpipes and portables on negotiation. We have worked with 10 roadside families in total for 35 people at one point. We continue to work with roadside families who still need support. A planning application has been lodged and we hope that we will be able to follow this through in the coming year.

We continue to help with appointments and arrange foot clinic (and general diabetic) appointments as well as general appointments at the hospital. We had to purchase some health care items as a matter of urgency during the pandemic

Once a month, prescriptions were also picked up and delivered to disabled and elder people on the negotiated sites Families that are owed a homeless duty within the Derbyshire Dales over the next two months were joined by other families from further afield where evictions had taken place, these evictions should not have gone ahead as we worked alongside other country wide support groups to obtain guidance from MHCLG that it would be beneficial for families not to be moving and a letter was issued to local authorities.

We had to address financial hardship for families with several Universal credit claims, PIP and Incapacity benefit. We all worked from our own homes; we purchased a laptop for volunteer to deal with her applications so that copies of paperwork could be kept rather than mobile phone.

LINKS CVS funded the extra laptop this year as we have partnered with them on another project. We worked from home with mobile phones. We became a Referral Partner for the British Red Cross Hardship Fund. The Hardship Fund was created by the British Red Cross with their partner Aviva and the Aviva Foundation to help those most financially impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. Official Referral Partners register people with the Red Cross for support and we were contacted by them so that we could refer the Gypsy and Traveller community if need be because we undertake casework and would know the neediest.

“The fund provides short term financial help for people who cannot afford the essentials: Food and toiletries, somewhere safe to sleep. Access to a telephone and the internet or fuel to keep the lights on, cook or stay warm.” DGLG worked hard to get claims through, and they were undertaken quite quickly however there were glitches, and we were able to refer these to the Red Cross Hardship fund in the month where they had no income. Part of this scheme means that you must have a mobile phone with credit to register your card and we were able to help with this.

We worked with Age UK Derby and Derbyshire We were able to refer elder community members to the Age UK Derby and Derbyshire for a grant for heating/fuel, this was undertaken as joint working with the other BME forum groups in Derbyshire. In total 8 grants have been given through this last Coronavirus year to those most in need. Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust.

DGLG was asked to assist in arranging vaccinations through Derbyshire NHS, originally this was just elder and vulnerable people but then as it became apparent that C19 was affecting BME groups disproportionately, further vaccinations were arranged not based on age group, we undertook these on sites in Matlock, Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, the south Derbyshire sites have been vaccinated locally which was good. Gypsy staff and volunteers were also vaccinated in the first batch early in March, both NHS and DGLG have kept a log to follow up on the second vaccination.

We have been in contact with most of the family sites across Derbyshire in relation to vaccination and to date we have arranged vaccination for 25 who had not been in contact with any GPs or who did not have a GP. Volunteers undertook online training whilst at home, we updated in safeguarding and mental health. Due to elder volunteers with underlying conditions we were a little reduced in manpower, we did recruit another younger volunteer but unfortunately three months in she was unable to assist as due to family commitments. In total 4 volunteers have kept the work going, this was manageable due to the way we had set up the work to support

New working relationship with Chesterfield LINKS BME Sitting Service We had discussed with the LINKS CVS how, we as a group (and it is the same for many others) find ourselves undertaking care of a social and health nature and over the last year we have been members of the BME Carers Project This project is a collaborative working arrangement between Derbyshire Carers Association (DCA) and Links. The project's aims are to increase understanding of the availability of carers support services and increase the understanding of the services provided by DCA whilst informing them of the needs of carers from the various BME communities. This hopes to improve social inclusion and the health and wellbeing of BME Carers. Many of the major health problems experienced by BME communities are the same as the general population however differences in culture, attitudes to health and life, lifestyle behaviours and access to and experience of health services can result in worse health in certain communities. The project aims to raise awareness and support the delivery of public health messages in BME own local communities as well as raise awareness of the symptoms of various health conditions which they can be at higher risk.

In partnership with LINKS, we are piloting a Sitting service, 3 signed on to undertake training for this role and 2 have qualified. The training was intense with 8 different courses from safeguarding to medication, hydration and first aid; the training was undertaken by Derbyshire County Council and Red Cross, volunteers have an identity badge which states DBS check undertaken. The training sessions were a mix of many BME communities, and we learnt from each other and helped one another. We think more exciting things could develop from this project in the future. We also support those with mental health concerns in partnership with LINKS

New Issues We have alongside other colleagues looked at ways to lobby for amendments on the proposed Police Bill, including the APPG on Gypsy and Traveller people and Liberty. This bill if it becomes law will bring hardship to many families as they may lose their homes.

The Derbyshire wide Gypsy and Traveller Working Group has not met over this year, but we had e mail contact in updates and the proposed Policing Bill and the implications of it.

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

31 AUGUST 2020

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Contents	Page
Administrative Information	1
Independent Examiner's report	2
Receipts and Payments Account	3
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	4
Notes to the financial statements	5-7

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

The board of the committee

Jim Burnside
Dorothy Burnside
Jim Whiting
Fiona Read
Muzelley McCready
Julie Whiting
Nigel Groom
Johanna Price

Registered office

Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group
Offices 1-3 Ladygrove Mill
Ladygrove Road
Two Dales, Matlock
Derbyshire
DE4 2FG

Independent Examiners

Derby Community Accountancy Service
Babington Lodge
128 Green Lane
Derby
DE1 1RY

Objects

The Group is established for the benefit of the Gypsy community in the County of Derbyshire, and surrounding area, and in particular to campaign for the human rights of Gypsies, to work to improve their education, health and living conditions, and to promote and organize co-operation in the achievement of these of purposes.

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the committee and examiner

The committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act). It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark Newey ACMA
Derby Community Accountancy Service
Babington Lodge
128 Green Lane
Derby

Date

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2020

2019			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020
£			£	£	£
39359	Opening Balances		27733	21357	49090
	Receipts				
26550	Grants	note 1	13500	39224	52724
7	Donations		0	0	0
17500	Site grants		17500	0	17500
4190	Training & consultancy		853	375	1228
10969	Sundry	note 2	6778	0	6778
0	Interest		0	0	0
59216			38631	39599	78230
	Payments				
4476	Salaries and associated costs		2892	1870	4762
3366	Travel expenses		0	2987	2987
782	Insurance		498	300	798
693	Education & Training.		0	370	370
8619	Consultancy		0	11526	11526
1304	Office costs		0	881	881
1884	Telephone		0	1733	1733
1514	Postage, stationery & printing		0	1878	1878
230	Equipment		0	350	350
5460	Rent		1840	3620	5460
12000	Site Fees		16000	0	16000
262	Special Events		0	40	40
8895	Other fees	note 3	6470	1415	7885
49485			27700	26970	54670
0	Transfer between funds		0	0	0
9731	Net Movement of Funds for the year		10931	12629	23560
49090	Closing Balances		38664	33986	72650

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2020

2019			2020
£			£
0	Fixed Assets	note 4	0
	Current Assets		
23919	Balance at bank		47416
25008	Reserve account		25008
163	Petty Cash		226
<u>49090</u>			<u>72650</u>
813	Debtors	note 5	2147
4000	Less Creditors	note 6	76
<u>45903</u>	Total Current Asset Value		<u>74721</u>
<u>45903</u>	Total Net Assets		<u>74721</u>

Chair

Date

Treasurer

Date

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT

Note 1

Grants consisted of:-

	Unrestricted Grants	Restricted Grants	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Derbyshire County Council	3500	0	3500	3500
Derbyshire Dales District Council	10000	0	10000	0
The National Lottery Community Fund	0	23150	23150	22500
NHS Continued Health Care	0	480	480	0
Roadside Research	0	11270	11270	0
Chesterfield Links	0	4324	4324	550
	13500	39224	52724	26550

Note 2

Sundry income

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups	0	1400
Welfare income	5738	6652
Refunds	460	2312
Sundry	580	605
	6778	10969

Note 3

Other fees consisted of :-

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
Welfare	6188	6486
Accountancy	430	410
Bank charges	118	109
Evaluation	0	90
Promotion	360	90
Membership	207	130
Quality assurance	0	0
Planning	582	1580
	7885	8895

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)

Note 4

Equipment

	£
Gross Value as at September 1st 2019	10154
Purchases with a value of more than £500 in the year	0
Gross Value as at August 31st 2020	<u>10154</u>
Depreciation as at September 1st 2019	10154
Depreciation charge for the year (at 25%)	0
Depreciation as at August 31st 2020	<u>10154</u>
Net Value as at August 31st 2019	<u><u>0</u></u>

Purchases of less than £500 have been written off in the year of purchase.

Note 5

Debtors

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups	880	208
Sundry	1267	605
	<u>2147</u>	<u>813</u>

Note 6

Creditors

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Site fees	0	4000
HM Revenue and Customs	76	0
	<u>76</u>	<u>4000</u>

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)

Note 7

Restricted Funds consisted of :-

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer between funds	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Chesterfield Links	7154	4699	3625	0	8228
The National Lottery Community Fund	14203	23150	20810	0	16543
NHS Continued Health Care	0	480	480	0	0
Roadside Research	0	11270	2055	0	9215
	21357	39599	26970	0	33986

This page is intentionally left blank