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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**16 January 2023**

**Report of the Director - Public Health**

**Transfer of Jog Derbyshire Grant Funding**  
(Cabinet Member for 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 to seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities to approve a grant of £0.0325m for a 3-month period to Peak Running CIC to allow them to deliver the Jog Derbyshire Programme ensuring continuity of service provision.

**4. Information and Analysis**

4.1 Jog Derbyshire is a thriving network of recreational jogging groups that are led by qualified jog leaders across Derbyshire and Derby City. It is a well-established programme of which was set up in 2009.

4.2 Jog Derbyshire works with people in communities to support them to become more active through jogging. The groups cater for everyone, regardless of age or ability. The groups are social, friendly and supportive and provide opportunities for social interactions, a place to

feel connected in the community, improve mental wellbeing, as well as increasing physical activity levels.

- 4.3 There are over 40 groups across the county, and many are long-standing with 27 groups over five years old and at least seven over 10 years old. There are new groups being developed continually and many are set up within targeted communities to improve both physical and mental wellbeing of the residents.
- 4.4 Currently 71 separate sessions are run each week across Derbyshire County.
- 4.5 All groups have their own identity and can operate in a way that meets the needs of the communities that they are formed in. This allows for members to feel connected to the group and feel a sense of ownership. The retention of members, both joggers and volunteers are excellent.
- 4.6 Activity is free in most groups to all participants and therefore the programme offers a sustainable local offer of physical activity within communities.
- 4.7 Jog Derbyshire has a network of trained volunteers that lead the groups and since the start of the programme approximately 800 volunteers have been trained, via the England Athletics Leadership and Running Fitness award and Jog Derbyshire's in house co-leader training.
- 4.8 The current host organisation is a community interest company called "Shift". Public Health have grant funded Shift to lead and develop the Jog Derbyshire network as part of the wider physical activity offer across the county for several years.
- 4.9 The current grant agreement is for the period of 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 to the value of £0.050m. Remaining funding awarded under this grant agreement will be transferred to the new grant recipient.
- 4.10 Shift have informed the Council that they will be winding up the company on 31 December 2022 and cease trading. Therefore, the current grant agreement will cease with Shift on 31 December 2022.
- 4.11 Shift have identified another Community Interest Company that would be able to take on the hosting and coordination of Jog Derbyshire from 01 January 2023 ensuring continuity of service delivery and retention of the Jog Derbyshire network. This company is "Peak Running" CIC.

- 4.12 Peak Running CIC is a Derbyshire based not-for-profit organisation that offers an excellent option and opportunity to continue to lead and further develop the Jog Derbyshire network.
- 4.13 Peak Running CIC will continue to deliver the Jog Derbyshire Programme, subject to approval, as set out in the current service specification used by Shift. The specification will be amended to reflect that Peak Running will continue to deliver the programme from 01 January 2023 to 31 March 2023.
- 4.14 Peak Running CIC are experienced in leading groups, delivering and organising running events. They currently host and run activities that are aimed at targeted communities which aim to address health inequalities. They subsidise access to local groups and activities and have been closely involved in activities such as the Jog Derbyshire #runwalktalk series and the Kedleston Hall 5km events.
- 4.15 Peak Running CIC has a number of core values, including inclusivity, that ensure that the work they do will help people develop and improve their physical and mental wellbeing through jogging and running. The CEO of the company was a previous trustee of Derbyshire Mind and is a strong collaborator with local Mental Health Charities and providers, which would benefit and create further opportunity for the Jog Derbyshire network to develop.
- 4.16 Jog Derbyshire have created links with several GP surgeries and Social Prescribers and there is a real opportunity for “Peak Running” CIC to continue this development and expand the offer to more targeted inactive communities in the county.
- 4.17 Peak Running CIC will work with Public Health, Active Derbyshire and District and Borough Councils to further lead and develop the Jog Derbyshire network as part of the development of the physical activity partnership agreement that is currently in development and due to start on 01 April 2023.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 Approval of the grant to Peak Running CIC will allow them to be part of the development of the Physical Activity Partnership agreement approach that is currently in developed to ensure a more integrated long-term approach to physical activity commissioning across the county. Approval to develop a new physical activity approach was given by Cabinet on 08 September 2022.

## **6. Alternative Options Considered**

- 6.1 Do nothing: Jog Derbyshire is currently managed and delivered by Shift CIC. Shift is winding up operations and will cease on 31 December 2022. Doing nothing will result in the grant with Shift ending and there no longer being an organisation to manage and deliver the programme. As a result, there will be a loss of support for the infrastructure that supports the network including a loss of support to over 40 jog groups, 800 volunteers and over 5000 participants.
- 6.2 Go out for procurement: Attempting to find an alternative host provider via a procurement would leave a gap in service delivery due to the timescales needed to complete a procurement. This could also potentially be at a higher cost and result in losing the support infrastructure, staffing and volunteers that are part of the programme.

## **7. Implications**

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

## **8. Background Papers**

- 8.1 SMT Report – 19 October 2022 - To terminate Jog Derbyshire grant funding from current provider “Shift” and transfer activity to new provider, “Peak Running” Community Interest Company via a short-term grant.
- 8.2 [Cabinet Report – 08 September 2022 – Development of a partnership approach to the commissioning of physical activity provision in Derbyshire](#)

## **9. Appendices**

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

## **10. Recommendation(s)**

That Cabinet Member:

- a) Approves a grant of £0.0325m for a 3 month period to Peak Running CIC to allow them to deliver the Jog Derbyshire Programme ensuring continuity of service provision

## **11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

11.1 Approval of the grant to Peak Running CIC will ensure:

- The Jog Derbyshire Programme has continued support in its delivery
- The Jog Derbyshire network with over 40 jog groups, 800 volunteers and over 5000 participants will continue to be supported.
- There is no break in programme delivery when the current Provider ceases on 31 December 2022.
- They are part of the discussions and development of the new Physical Activity Partnership approach that will take effect on 01 April 2023.

**12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?**

12.1 No

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## **Implications**

### **Financial**

- 1.1 The total cost for the grant to Peak Running CIC will be £0.0325m for the period 01 January 2023 to 31 March 2023 to deliver the Jog Derbyshire Programme. This will be funded by the Public Health Grant.
- 1.2 From 01 April 2023 the programme will then be continued to be funded via the Physical Activity Partnership agreement that is in the process of being setup.

### **Legal**

- 2.1 The Council has power to provide grants to voluntary and community sector organisations under the general power of competence set out in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 2.2 The Council's Financial Regulations state that grants below £0.100m require Cabinet Member authorisation.
- 2.3 The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made, it will also stipulate that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

### **Human Resources**

- 3.1 The funding will enable the new provider to deliver the project and services. Derbyshire County Council will accept no employment and redundancy liability, with all employment and related matters to be managed by the provider.

### **Information Technology**

- 4.1 There are no IT related implications

### **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 There are no equalities related implications

### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 6.1 Corporate objectives for change include:

- Increased physical activity improves both physical and mental well-being.
- Prevention and early intervention: promoted by increasing physical activity.

**Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)**

## **7 Risk Management**

- 7.1 If the programme is no longer funded it will lose the support infrastructure, staffing and volunteer workforce that are part of the programme. There would also be a loss of support to over 40 Jog Groups, 800 volunteers and over 5000 participants.