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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

Thursday, 6 April 2023

Report of the Director of Public Health

Investment in Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust)
(Cabinet Member for Health and Communities)

1. Divisions Affected

Countywide

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision

3. Purpose

3.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to:

- a. Extend the current grant agreement with Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust) to provide strategic leadership for physical activity, including additional capacity to lead the development of the Physical Activity Partnership Agreement, to the sum of £0.144m from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- b. Update Cabinet on the progress of the Physical Activity Partnership Agreement.

4. Information and Analysis

- 1.1 A grant agreement is currently in place with Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust) for them to support the Public Health priority of increasing physical activity levels across Derbyshire and to lead the strategic direction, informing delivery and joining up the physical activity system across the county.
- 1.2 This agreement will finish on 31 March 2023, and it is intended to align the work with the development of a Physical Activity Partnership Agreement with district and borough council's and Peak Running to develop a whole system approach to physical activity.
- 4.1 Approval was given by Cabinet on 8 September 2022 to support the development of a Physical Activity Partnership Agreement that would bring together the district and borough councils, Peak Running and Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust) to develop a more integrated approach to physical activity across the county.
- 4.2 The key drivers for the Partnership Agreement are to:
 - Meet the Council's financial regulations and provide long-term commissioning approach to physical activity rather than be reliant on short-term grant funding.
 - Ensure commissioning intentions are in line with strategic objectives for increasing physical activity and reducing rates of inactivity in line with the Move More Strategy, which is the Derbyshire strategy for physical activity. The strategy aims to address inequalities and empower everyone to be active in ways that works for them.
 - Deliver a more integrated approach to physical activity across Derbyshire.
 - Provide more sustainable opportunities, enable a simpler customer experience and empower residents to choose the physical activity that suits them.
 - Create a fair and consistent offer for residents, which ensures value for money.
 - Enhance monitoring and reporting mechanisms by ending nine individual grant agreements and putting in place one single partnership agreement, which can be contract managed.
 - Develop an outcome based physical activity service which will require Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust) to target those who are most in need and least active and provide greater choice for the individual.

- Align the strategic lead for physical activity and the Walk Derbyshire investment funding in developing a whole system approach to walking and physical activity.
 - Engage new partners as part of a whole system approach to physical activity as well as making best use of existing estate.
 - Provide more secure, longer-term investment in physical activity through a partnership agreement for a minimum of five years.
- 4.3 Work on setting up the Physical Activity Partnership Agreement has begun, and the Terms of Reference and Service Specification are now in development. Public Health are meeting regularly with Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust), representatives from district and borough councils, Peak Running and the Looked After Children Team.
- 4.4 The initial commencement date for the Partnership Agreement was to be in place by 01 April 2023 to coincide with the ending of the current grant agreements with district and borough councils, Peak Running and Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust).
- 4.5 Due to complexities in setting up the Partnership and capacity within the DCC legal department we are seeking an extension of the current grant agreement with Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust) for a further 12 months. This will allow sufficient time to have all the relevant paperwork and mechanisms in place for the Partnership to exist and allow time for the district and borough councils to seek approval from their relevant management teams to become members of the Partnership.
- 4.6 Permission has been sought via the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on 06 March 2023 to also extend the current grants with the district and borough councils and Peak Running for a further 12 months to ensure a continuation of services with no break in funding whilst the Physical Activity Partnership Agreement is put in place and for the Partnership to then take over the management of these programmes.
- 4.7 The development of the Physical Activity Partnership will be driven and led by Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust), and therefore we are also seeking approval to grant additional funding to provide extra capacity to lead the work.
- 4.8 Extending the funding for the current service provided by Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust), as outlined in this report, will enable them to continue to lead the strategic direction, informing delivery and joining up the physical activity system across the county and drive

forward the development of the Physical Activity Partnership with all partners while allowing time for the finalisation of the Partnership Agreement.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Engagement with the Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust) has taken place to inform them of the need to extend the grant funding as the Physical Activity Partnership Agreement is unable to meet the initial commencement date of 01 April 2023.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 Do nothing and allow the current grant agreement to expire without the Partnership Agreement in place. In this scenario allowing the current grant to expire without the Partnership Agreement in place would lead to Public Health no longer having a lead strategic partner in place who is playing a crucial role in setting up the Partnership Agreement.

7. Implications

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

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 [Cabinet Paper – Award of Grant Funding to Active Derbyshire \(Active Partners Trust\) for the Provision of Funding to Active Derbyshire – 30 July 2020](#)

- 8.2 [Cabinet paper –Development of a partnership approach to the commissioning of physical activity provision in Derbyshire – 08 September 2022](#)

- 8.3 Cabinet Members Paper – Investment in Physical Activity Interventions – 06 March 2023

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 sets out the implications considered in the preparation of this report.

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

- a. Approves the extension of the current grant with Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust) to provide strategic leadership for physical activity, including additional capacity to lead the development of the Physical Activity Partnership Agreement, to the sum of £0.144m from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- b. Notes the update on the progress of the Physical Activity Partnership Agreement.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.1 Approval of the extension of the grant funding to Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust) will allow for the continuation of existing support to strategically lead the physical activity system across the county and to lead the development of the Physical Activity Partnership.
- 11.2 Extending the grant funding will also ensure there is no break in funding whilst the Physical Activity Partnership agreement is put in place and is fully functioning.

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

- 12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 Funding for the grant to Active Derbyshire (Active Partners Trust) will come from the Public Health Grant and Public Health Place budget.
- 1.2 The grant is broken down into the following costs and will be paid in four instalments during the grant period

Grant breakdown	Allocation 01 Apr 2023 – 31 March 2024
	£
Strategic Leadership	0.104m
Management and development of the Physical Activity Partnership	0.040m
Total Grant	0.144m

Legal

- 2.1 The Council's Financial Regulations state that grants above £0.100m require Cabinet authorisation.
- 2.2 The Council's standard grant agreement will be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made and will include terms that provide for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also state that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

Human Resources

- 3.1 Derbyshire County Council accepts no employment or future redundancy liability, with all employment and related matters to be managed by Active Partners Trust. This is also stipulated in the grant agreement documentation.

Information Technology

- 4.1 There are no IT related implications N/A

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 There are no equalities related implications

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 This project will contribute to a number of corporate objectives and priorities including:

- Resilient, healthy and safe communities
- All people in Derbyshire are enabled to live healthy lives

Other

Risk Management

7.1 There are no other implications