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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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Report of the Director - Public Health

Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant
(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

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of a total of £0.226m to six organisations from the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant, noting the full break down of allocations as outlined in paragraph 4.4. below.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Evidence shows that individuals in receipt of alcohol and drug treatment are more likely to recover from alcohol and drug dependence if they can access supportive arrangements alongside treatment, which encourage and improve employability, settled accommodation, strong relationships, self-esteem, purposeful activities, and healthy diet/nutrition. As a result of this, in 2015, Public Health established the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant programme. The grant programme has been running for the last seven years to fund projects that provide

recovery activities across Derbyshire. The organisations who apply for the funding must demonstrate how the project would help Derbyshire residents throughout treatment and into long-term recovery. This could include, but is not limited to:

- Improving physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- Providing purposeful activity, including education, skills training, volunteering, and employment,
- Help developing social networks,
- Developing financial capability,
- Developing positive thinking and effective decision making and
- Building confidence and self-esteem

4.2 In October 2022, the application process opened for organisations to apply for a maximum of £40,000 to deliver a recovery project lasting one year from June 2023 to May 2024.

4.3 In total, eleven applications were received from organisations across Derbyshire. These applications were evaluated against criteria including:

- The activities the project would offer,
- The benefits of the project to participants,
- How the participants would be recruited,
- How outcomes would be measured,
- How the project would offer value for money and
- The sustainability of the project.

There were six applications that met the criteria to be considered for funding, totalling £0.226m. The grants will be funded from the substance misuse element of the Public Health, Health Improvement Team budget for 2023/2024. The substance misuse budget will not change in 2023/2024 as the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities has stipulated that we need to maintain spend on substance misuse as a condition of Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant.

4.4 The six organisations recommended for funding are listed below.

Organisation and Project name	Service Provided	Cost £
Zink Employability: The Rise Project	<p>This organisation aims to address and prevent poverty through a wide range of services on offer, such as a food bank, wellbeing support and provision of household items.</p> <p>The project provides work coaching to participants in recovery from drug or alcohol dependence to improve physical and emotional health and access work experience and employment. Participants will have the opportunity of undertaking a 'micro-job' for which they will be paid and gain work experience. This project mainly covers the High Peak area but is open to anyone across Derbyshire.</p>	35,940
Pathways of Chesterfield: Paths to Recovery Project	<p>This organisation supports anyone over the age of 18 who is homeless in Chesterfield, North-East Derbyshire, and Bolsover. Over 50% of the people they support disclose they are struggling with substance misuse.</p> <p>The project will support people are various stages of recovery and offer a variety of different interventions such as group support sessions, group activity sessions, peer mentoring and volunteering.</p>	37,274
Derventio Charitable Trust: Growing Lives Recovery Project	<p>This organisation aims to relieve poverty amongst socially, economically, and educationally disadvantaged people.</p> <p>The project will provide a combination of skill-building and learning activities with personalised support to help people in recovery develop their social networks, improve their wellbeing, and move closer to education, training, and employment. This project mainly covers Erewash and Amber Valley but is open to anyone across Derbyshire.</p>	39,989
Kelsey Family CIC: Recovery Together Project	<p>The organisation provides family-based recovery services to those affected by substance misuse.</p> <p>The project will support people in recovery and their families to recovery together across all districts of Derbyshire. The support will include family activity boxes, health and wellbeing</p>	34,952

	activities, virtual support groups and workshops to support managing recovery and building social connections.	
Peak Performance:	The organisation aims to serve communities by providing adventurous opportunities to learn together.	39,280
Peak Performance: Road to Recovery Project	The project will support people in recovery by focusing on outdoor activities, such as woodland management, camp skills, campfire cooking (including nutrition) and will take place at various locations across Derbyshire.	
Elastic FM: Your Choices Matter Project	The organisation is a community radio station that aims to support, inform, educate, and entertain the local community. The project will help connect people in recovery, support with education and training opportunities and build confidence and self-esteem by offering 1-2-1 and group sessions for people in recovery centered around the running of a community radio station. This project will mainly cover North East Derbyshire but is open to anyone across Derbyshire.	38,750
	Total	226,185

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No formal consultation has taken place but the ongoing engagement with those in recovery suggests that these projects will support recovery.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 Alternative options considered were:

- Do nothing –this is not a preferred option as individuals in receipt of drug and alcohol treatment are more likely to recover from addiction if they can access supportive arrangements alongside treatment.

7. Implications

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

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 Public Health Senior Management Team paper 30 January 2023
“Increase to the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant Budget for 2023/2024”
- 8.2 [Cabinet Member for Health and Communities paper 13 January 2022
“Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant”](#)
- 8.3 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 4 February 2021
“Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant”
- 8.4 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 4 February 2020
“Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant”
- 8.5 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 3 February 2019
“Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant”
- 8.6 Cabinet paper, 20 September 2018 “Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire”
- 8.7 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 07 September 2017
“Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire”
- 8.8 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 20 September 2016
“Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire”
- 8.9 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 01 September 2015
“Drug and Alcohol Treatment Recovery Services”

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

10. Recommendation(s)

That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Approves the award of funding to the six organisations outlined in this report, who meet the Recovery From Alcohol And Drug Dependence Grant Funding Criteria, noting the full break down of allocations as outlined in the financial implications in Appendix One, to provide recovery activities in Derbyshire in 2023 and 2024.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.1 The six organisations meet the criteria for the grant funding and the projects have demonstrated that they can provide activities to support recovery in Derbyshire in 2023 and 2024.

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

- 12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The cost of £0.226m will be met from within existing budgets, namely the Public Health Grant.
- 1.2 Allocations for the individual schemes are set out in paragraph 4.4 above.

Legal

- 2.1 The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £0.100m to organisations to be approved by the Cabinet Member.
- 2.2 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.

Human Resources

- 3.1 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.

Information Technology

- 4.1 There are no Information Technology considerations relevant to this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and sex.
- 5.2 By providing funding for six recovery projects, there would be an increase in geographical coverage of the Recovery offer across more of Derbyshire, which would contribute to tackling health inequalities within the County.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 Ensuring a comprehensive and effective offer of recovery support for adults, and vulnerable adults, will contribute to supporting individuals at risk of poor social and health outcomes to build 'Recovery Capital' and maintain their recovery from drug and alcohol dependence.
- 6.2 The enhanced recovery offer will also contribute to the following priority as set out in the Council Plan:
- Resilient, healthy and safe communities

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

- 7.1 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. There are no anticipated negative impacts from this decision.