

PUBLIC

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 5 September 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillor Stuart Swann

**29/19**      **MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 27 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**30/19**      **BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 PERIOD 3** The joint report outlined the revenue budget position of the health and Communities portfolio for 2019-20 up to the end of 30 June 2019.

There was a projected year-end underspend of £0.643m; this included the projected year-end underspend against the ring-fenced Public Health Grant of £0.346m. The significant areas that made up the projection were tabled within the report. The majority of the expected underspend had been generated from activity-based contracts and services such as Sexual Health and Smoking Cessation; some of this would be used to mitigate the effects of a cut of £1.071m to the ring-fenced Public Health Grant in 2019-20 and the continuing uncertainty over future levels of Public health funding.

Plans were in place that committed the whole of the Public Health reserve, including £1m for the School Crossing Patrol Service over 3 years, £0.4m to Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS FT to support transition to the new 0-19 Public Health Nursing Section 75 agreement and further funding to continue the provision of the Action Grants programme during 2019-20.

The Trading Standards underspend was attributed to planning for the achievement of the future savings requirement for the period 2019-22, one-off funding to support older people in relation to scams and doorstep crime, vacancies and additional income.

The Budget Savings Targets were tabled within the report and showed performance against each initiative. The portfolio received one-off allocations of £0.048m to provide a sustained awareness programme over three years to reduce fraudulent activity against older people and £0.014 one-off funding from POCA for the technical development of Digital MOT on-line risk assessment hosted by Safer Derbyshire website.

A risk level of two had been identified with the coroner's service which could negatively impact. The total Earmarked Reserves were listed within the report, totalling £10.334m to support future expenditure.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**31/19      REVENUE OUTTURN 2018-19** The joint report gave the final outturn 2018-19 and set out to identify significant variations in expenditure for the budget.

There had been an underspend on £2.790m against the ring-fenced Public Health budget; the controllable underspend against the rest of the portfolio was £0.28m. These areas were detailed in the table within the report.

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Community Safety had seen an underspend of £0.150m which was in relation to staff vacancies, additional grant funding and a reduction of expenditure on one-off projects. Registrars had seen an underspend of £0.102m due to vacancy control and more than anticipated revenue generation from services provided.

The report also showed savings of £0.147m and a detailed analysis of the portfolio's earmarked reserves totalling £10.213m.

**RESOLVED** to note the revenue outturn position for 2018-19 and the balance of earmarked reserves as at 31 March 2019.

**32/19      DERBYSHIRE FOOD FOR LIFE PROGRAMME** The report sought approval to agree an additional £70,000 grant funding to support Food for Life for the year of September 2019 to August 2020 as proposed in the Public Health Service Plan.

Food for Life (FFL), a national evidence-based programme bringing schools and their surrounding communities together around the core ethos of healthy, tasty and sustainable food, was about the intervention work being done to change food culture and supports schools to take a whole school approach that sees them grow their own food; organise trips to farms; source food from local producers; set up school farmers' markets; hold community food events; provide cooking and growing clubs for pupils and their families; serve freshly prepared, well-sourced meals and provide an attractive and welcoming dining environment so lunchtimes were a positive, social feature of the school day.

The programme was delivered by The Soil Association providing one to one support to schools, engaging the wider local community, Derbyshire-based food networks and groups, plus directly supporting school caterers. Schools have access to the FFL Awards framework, resources and HQ support for 2-3 years, a full suite of training programmes for teaching staff in cooking, food growing, farm visits and schools farmers' markets, plus cooks' networks. The year culminated in celebration events and also provided regular reporting and monitoring of impacts.

Cabinet member approval to grant fund FFL was given in 2017 and 2018: provision of additional funding would enable FFL in Derbyshire to build on a proven programme of work already delivered across the county successfully over the previous six years. The programme aimed to prevent ill health in the future by encouraging healthy habits in young people, using schools as a setting to have maximum impact.

The programme had been working in Derbyshire since 2013 and had made significant impact across schools as well as across the DCC catering services. An additional £15,000 was agreed by Cabinet in February 2019 to fund an additional 15 schools as well as 4 specialist training sessions, however this did not support the continuation of the FFL co-ordinator to work with schools.

The FFL has had significant impact on the school catering offer across Derbyshire. Nearly 47,000 "Food for Life Served Here" standard meals were to over 350 primary schools in Derbyshire every day, with food freshly prepared from scratch, was sustainable and included locally sourced ingredients including 5% of total ingredients being organic produce.

It was proposed that additional funding from September 2019 – August 2020 would support:

- 15 additional schools packages in targeted areas;
- 1-1 support of FFL coordinator and additional staff resource to work with minimum 30 schools (including existing schools);
- increase the number and range of training sessions to support schools and hold two celebration events;
- to continue supporting DCC catering services to maintain the Silver FFL Catering Mark across Primary Schools and Bronze across secondary schools, nationally recognised standards, developed to reflect best practice in healthy and sustainable school meals; and
- to use part of the grant funding to promote and market the scheme to increase awareness of the brand which will benefit DCC Catering services and also encourage more schools to sign up.

Discussions around a sustainable wider model had started and a proposal was being formulated in readiness for 2020 - 2021.

**RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £70,000 to Food for Life for a period of 12 months, commencing in September 2019.

**33/19      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC      RESOLVED** - to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To consider the exempt report of the Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities and Policy on the Procurement of Replacement Case Management System for Coroner's Services (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).