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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report of the Executive Director - Corporate Services and Transformation and the Director of Finance and ICT

Community Safety service – Budget virement
(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

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the virement of a budget from Corporate Services and Transformation (CST) to Adult Social Care and Health (ASCH) to facilitate the movement of the Community Safety service into ASCH from CST.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Community Safety as a service currently sits within Communications and Customers in CST.

4.2 It has been identified that several of Community Safety's statutory and non-statutory duties have joint responsibilities with ASCH and therefore

operational and strategic advantages could be gained by realigning the service to sit under Public Health within ASCH.

Directors of Public Health in Local Authorities have a statutory duty under Section 73A(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 to take steps to improve the health of the people in their area. The determinants of health are multi-factorial, and community safety and the perception of how safe a local community is impacts on individuals' health status and population health outcomes.

- 4.5 Mandated Local Authority Public Health services, and those that are a requirement of the Public Health grant, where there is crossover between the work of Community safety and Public Health include commissioning of Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services, Sexual Health services (with partnership working between the Integrated Sexual Health Service commissioned by Public Health and Sexual Assault and Abuse services) and 0-5 Public Health Nursing (with links to the children safeguarding agenda), as well as safeguarding of vulnerable adults through mandated Public Health commissioned services.
- 4.6 In addition, there is collaborative working in place between Community Safety and Public Health on other joint agendas such as alcohol licensing applications (where the DPH has responsibility for Local Authority's Public Health as a responsible authority under the Licensing Act), serious violence (with the Serious Violence Duty Statutory Guidance highlighting Local Authority responsibilities across Community Safety and Public Health), domestic abuse, mental health and wellbeing, improving the health of offenders, and supporting the health of refugees and asylum seekers.
- 4.7 The Department of Health and Social Care guidance for Directors of Public Health in Local Government: roles, responsibilities and context states that Directors of Public Health should have a role as a system leader to influence all determinants of health, specifically including working with criminal justice partners and Police and Crime Commissioners to promote safer communities.
- 4.8 This Cabinet report seeks approval to agree the virement of Community Safety from CST budget into ASCH budget. This Cabinet report seeks agreement from members that £2.646m is to transfer into the ASCH function. This is made up of £1.141m base budget and £1.505m allocated as a one-off to Community

Safety for a non-ring-fenced grant for Domestic Abuse. Reserves that would also be transferred are outlined in Appendix 1.

4.9 Further information on financial implications has been provided in Appendix 1.

5 Consultation

No formal consultation is required to take place. Further detail around HR implications is provided in Appendix 1.

6 Alternative Options Considered

6.5 The alternative option considered is to remain as is, with Community Safety remaining as part of Communications and Customers under CST. While this has been and remains a viable option, taking this action would mean failing to capitalise on the advantages offered by the closer alignment between ASCH and Community Safety with regards to joint responsibilities for duties.

7 Implications

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

8 Background Papers

None identified.

9 Appendices

9.5 Appendix 1 – Implications

10 Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet: Approve the transfer of £2.646m CST budget to ASCH budget to facilitate the movement of the Community Safety service into ASCH from CST along with Reserves as outlined in Appendix 1.

11 Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.5 This approach will ensure that the Community Safety service will be able to benefit from a closer alignment with responsibilities for statutory duties by being part of the ASCH department.

12 Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

No.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The costs for the Community Safety function can be met from existing budgets and earmarked reserves that currently sit within the Corporate Services and Transformation department.

The following reserves will transfer to Public Health:

Domestic Abuse Contract Support from Public Health	£1.358m
Sexual Violence – CHISVA	£0.040m
Serious Violence	£0.050m
Homes for Ukraine	£10.415m
Domestic Abuse – DHLUC	£0.801m
Syrian Refugee Project	£0.079m
Community Safety reserve	£0.355m
Total	£13.098m

Please note that some of the reserves will need to be drawn down in 2023/24.

- 1.2 Budget virements will be required for a total of £2.558m from CST to transfer into the ASCH function. This is made up of £1.141m base budget and £1.417m allocated to Community Safety to underwrite a ring-fenced grant received for accommodation-based support for Domestic Abuse.

Legal

- 2.1 The rules for virement of budgetary provision from one purpose to another are set out in the Financial Regulations forming part of the Council's Constitution. Amounts greater than £100,000 resulting in a virement of funds between Departments requires Cabinet approval.

Human Resources

- 3.1 For the roles that have been identified to be transferred to ASCH, this is a change in line management only and therefore formal consultation is not required. To enable and support this realignment of roles, informal engagement has taken place with the colleagues who are undertaking the roles identified to transfer to ASCH.

Information Technology

4.1 None identified.

Equalities Impact

5.1 None identified at this time.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 Within the Council Plan there is a key action within the Resilient, Healthy and Safe Communities priority to 'Ensure the Council's strategic approach to community safety responds effectively to existing and emerging challenges such as Serious Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls' which the realignment aims to help facilitate more effectively, as outlined in Section 4 of the report.

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

7.1 None identified.