

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 10 October 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillor Stuart Swann

35/19 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 5 September 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

36/19 **BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 PERIOD 5** The joint report outlined the revenue budget position of the health and Communities portfolio for 2019-20 up to the end of 31 August 2019. There was a projected year-end underspend of £0.220m; this included the projected year-end underspend against the ring-fenced Public Health Grant of £28,155. The significant areas that made up the projection were tabled within the report.

The Trading Standards underspend was attributed to planning for the achievement of the future savings requirement for the period 2019-22, one-off funding of £0.048m to support older people in relation to scams and doorstep crime, vacancies and additional income and one-off funding of £0.014m from POCA for the technical development of Digital MOT on-line risk assessment hosted by Safer Derbyshire website.

A risk level of five had been identified around the national shortage of Pathologists and the impact by increasing fees, with the coroner's service. The total Earmarked Reserves were listed within the report, totalling £10.306m to support future expenditure.

RESOLVED to note the report.

37/19 **ACTION GRANTS PROGRAMME** The report provided an update on the applications received and approved under round five of the Action Grants Programme. This enabled local groups to apply for three levels of funding across four grant areas (youth activity, community safety, community activity and physical/sports activity).

All projects needed to meet particular criteria and were reviewed by an officer panel. Executive Directors had delegated responsibility for the approval of recommended projects that fell within their remit. The deadline for the receipt of applications for round five was 30 June 2019.

Under the Community Activity Grant scheme, 78 small applications were submitted. Of these 68 were approved to the value of £32,621. 84 medium and large grant applications were submitted, of which six applications were approved to the value of £28,799. The details of these applications were listed separately at Appendices A and B.

Under Community Safety Grants, all five of the small grant applications were approved totalling £2,484.50. Ten medium and large grant applications were submitted, three of which were approved to the value of £22,698. Appendices C and D provided further details on these applications.

Comprehensive monitoring of the Programme, including the take up of the different levels of grants as well as geographical coverage, took place regularly to ensure equality of access across different communities in Derbyshire, particularly over the first twelve months. This was to ensure that there was some flexibility in the Programme and that spend on the programme was maximised. It would also help recognise those communities where more support might be required.

RESOLVED to note the approved applications as set out in the report.

38/19 **SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAILBLAZER FUNDING** The Director of Public Health sought approval for funding to the value of £0.137m from NHS England to further progress suicide prevention work within Derbyshire. This included the procurement of a 12-month service to promote suicide prevention amongst local sports and leisure clubs and workplaces, and to approve extension of a current contract with Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to provide suicide prevention training to GP practices and other organisations.

The effects of self-harm and suicide can be devastating. Suicide rates in Derbyshire remain similar to the national average. However after 3 years of declining rates early indications for 2018 are that rates have increased.

In early 2019, Derbyshire County Council Public Health department, on behalf of Joint Up Care Derbyshire (JUCD) successfully applied for Suicide Prevention and Trailblazer funding from NHS England and was awarded £0.201m to further progress local plans to reduce the number of suicides in Derbyshire. This funding had only been awarded to a few select areas within England, with the learning from each to be shared as best practise nationally.

At its meeting on 27th June 2019, JUCD Mental Health System Delivery Board agreed for Derbyshire Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention Partnership Forum (DSSPPF) to have responsibility for overseeing implementation of the projects in respect to the NHSE Suicide Bereavement and Trailblazer funding which was designed to raise awareness, improve skills and increase confidence to impact the suicide rate in Derbyshire. As hosts, it was agreed that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) would manage and lead the commissioning and delivery of the projects outlined:

- Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Resources £7,000: to be purchased or produced to raise awareness and provide information;
- Suicide Prevention Training £50,000: Local trainers to deliver suicide prevention training to their peers in Primary Care, with DHCFT to arrange the training and administration of funds to facilitate the backfill for the GP's.
- Targeted Intervention £80,000: A service to be developed and procured by DCC, to give focus on vulnerable groups, those most in need, children and young people and middle aged men. Project officers/champions would work in partnership with organisations including Active Derbyshire and Healthy Workplaces Derbyshire, that would engage with local sports and leisure clubs, organisations and businesses, to raise awareness, offer training and practical support. The procured service would be for an initial period of 12 months, but may be extended if further funding was made available from NHS England.

NHSDDCCG would use the remaining funding, £64,000, to fund Harmless and Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (SOBS) to provide services for those bereaved or affected by suicide.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the receipt of funding of £0.137m from NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG to Derbyshire County Council;

(2) the procurement, for a period of 12 months, of a targeted suicide intervention service to the value of £80,000 that would work alongside local sports and leisure clubs and workplaces, to provide suicide awareness training and promotion of suicide safe messages;

(3) the transfer of £50,000 to Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to continue the delivery of suicide prevention training to local GP practices and other local organisations; and

(4) the delegation of further decisions in awards of contract, and if further funding was made available from NHS England, extension of contracts, to the Director of Public Health.

39/19 **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 Coroner's Service for Derby and Derbyshire – Pathologists Fees (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).