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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

11 March 2024

Report of the Director - Public Health

Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Partnership change to funding recipient

(Cabinet Member for Health and Communities)

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 Derbyshire Dales

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a key decision.

3. Purpose

3.1 This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approval to:

- 3.1 Change the Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Partnership funding recipient to Derbyshire Dales CVS from Derbyshire Dales District Council as previously agreed by Cabinet with effect from 1st April 2024.
- 3.2 Agree that £0.046m is transferred to Derbyshire Dales CVS as part of the main locality agreement for 2024-2025 to be spent within the 2024-2025 financial year.

4. Information and Analysis

- 4.1 Locality Public Health funding is devolved to eight Health and Wellbeing Partnerships across Derbyshire who have devolved powers to allocate the monies. The recipients of the funding are members of the local partnership and are either the local Borough or District Council, or the local CVS organisation. The identified organisation holds the funds, but decisions on how these funds are spent locally are made collectively by the leadership team in each Health and Wellbeing Partnership.
- 4.2 In 2022 the main Health and Wellbeing Partnership funding contracts were updated by the Commissioning Team, increasing accountability and liability for record keeping to the Local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships. As a result this process caused some delays to the roll out of the funding as separate legal teams checked and queried new contract requirements.
- 4.3 An agreement was reached in principle with Public Health, Derbyshire Dales District Council and Derbyshire Dales CVS, that Derbyshire Dales CVS could receive and manage the administration of the funding instead of the District Council, subject to Cabinet Member approval. Derbyshire Dales CVS are key members of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership, and governance is in place to ensure all decisions on spending are agreed and ratified by the Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Leadership Team.
- 4.4 On 11 January 2024, Cabinet approved funding of £0.046m to the Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Partnership for the 2024/25 financial year, but listed Derbyshire Dales District Council as the recipient on behalf of the Partnership.
- 4.5 Derbyshire Dales CVS on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership, has previously managed funding for projects, and has a good working relationship within the Health and Wellbeing Partnership. Therefore Public Health is confident that Derbyshire Dales CVS can act as the main fund holder for the main locality grant.

5. Alternative Options Considered

- 5.1 Alternative option: Do not approve a change to recipient within the Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Partnership
This is not a preferred option. The funding would not be directly devolved to the Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Partnership and would need to be held by Public Health, and each item of spend would

need to come to the Cabinet Member for approval creating considerable delays to decision on individual health projects, administration and resources, and ultimately delaying health improvements within the Derbyshire Dales region.

6. Implications

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

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 11 January 2024 Cabinet report Public Health Localities Approach 2024-29

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

9. Recommendation(s)

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities:

- 9.1 Approves the change of the Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Partnership funding recipient to Derbyshire Dales CVS from Derbyshire Dales District Council as previously agreed by Cabinet with effect from 1st April 2024.
- 9.2 Agrees that £0.046m is transferred to Derbyshire Dales CVS as part of the main locality agreement for 2024-2025 to be spent within the 2024-2025 financial year.

10 Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 10.1 The Public Health Locality Programme contributes to improving health, wellness and reducing health inequalities at a local level. The eight Health and Wellbeing Partnerships facilitate the involvement of local partners and communities using a collaborative approach in the design and delivery to improve local health outcomes.
- 10.2 The change to recipient will mean the Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Partnership can receive the devolved funding and implement their locally agreed Community activities to improve health and wellbeing for the local population.

11 Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

No.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The allocated funding for the Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Partnership for 2024-25 is £0.046M. This will be funded from the core Public Health Grant for 2024-25.

Legal

- 2.1 The Council has power to provide funding and grants under the general power of competence set out in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 2.2 The Council's Financial Regulations state that grants to external organisations up to £0.100m require authorisation by the relevant Cabinet Member.
- 2.3 The Council's Locality Funding grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the funding is made. This includes conditions for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and states that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

Human Resources

- 3.1 The funding will enable the Derbyshire Dales Health and Wellbeing Partnership 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.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 The Localities Approach is focused on reducing inequality and therefore is considering equality impact as an ongoing function.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 The recommendations in this paper support delivery of the following priorities for the next year in the Council Plan:
- Continued to deliver the ongoing Covid-19 response and recovery in relation to health protection, alongside wider partnership action to tackle health inequalities.

- Worked with partners to promote positive mental wellbeing and improve support for local people, with a particular focus on children and young people at both school and in the community.