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

**PRESENT**

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillors Stuart Swann and Ron Mihaly

**42/19** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 11 October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**43/19** **BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 PERIOD 7** The joint report outlined the revenue budget position of the health and Communities portfolio for 2019-20 up to the end of 31 October 2019. There was a projected year-end underspend of £56,000; this included the projected year-end overspend against the ring-fenced Public Health Grant of £94,830. The significant areas that made up the projection were detailed within the table 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 to support older people in relation to scams and doorstep crime, vacancies and additional income.

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.

**44/19** **TARGETED SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** The Cabinet Member was asked to approve a procurement exercise for the provision of a targeted substance misuse service for children and young people identified as using drugs, alcohol and other psychoactive substances and to delegate the approval of the award to the Director of Public Health.

Statistical data from the NHS Digital's *Smoking, Drinking and Drug use among Young People* report, which surveyed pupils aged 11-15 in secondary schools across England, was listed in the report. National guidance on the provision of substance misuse services for children and young people, stated that there should be an integrated system of universal prevention, targeted and specialist services, provided primarily through schools and focus on building resilience. The role of targeted services was to screen higher risk populations to identify young people using drugs or alcohol, with the aim of preventing

experimental and recreational substance use developing into problematic or dependent use. The service would refer those identified as needing more intensive support. Specialist services deliver care-planned support, which may include psychosocial, pharmacological and harm reduction interventions. 'Stepped-down' support for children and young people who had completed specialist treatment might also be offered.

The County Council already commissioned a specialist substance misuse service for young people under the age of 18, which was delivered by Change Grow Live (CGL). Following the national pattern the numbers of young people entering structured treatment in Derbyshire had fallen over recent years:

Year	No. in treatment
2015/16	159
2016/17	135
2017/18	80
2018/19	93

However, another factor in this fall was the current lack of a targeted service in Derbyshire. Following a departmental review within Childrens Services, it had been decided that the department no longer had capacity to continue this service so a procurement exercise was required to ensure a targeted service was available for children and young people in Derbyshire.

The proposed service would screen populations of children and young people, using a validated screening tool; deliver harm reduction interventions to those children and young people identified as using substances; refer those in need of more intensive support to the specialist service; and offer continued support to children and young people who had completed their planned programme of care with the specialist service.

The budget for the service was £0.112m per annum, with a planned start date of 1 April 2020, under an initial 4 year (2+2) contract. This would align with the contract period of the specialist service to allow the future option of integration.

**RESOLVED** to (1) approve the proposal to undertake a procurement exercise for a targeted substance misuse service for children and young people; and

(2) agree to delegate the approval of the award to the Director of Public Health.

**45/19      FOOD AND FEED SERVICE PLAN 2019/20** The Cabinet Member was asked to approve the Food and Feed Service Plan for 2019/20 in accordance with the Food Standards Agency's (FSA) 'Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities' (the Framework Agreement), the Trading Standards Division produces a Service Plan for Food and Feed. This Plan set out a proposed programme of activity to seek compliance with food and feed requirements.

The Framework set out what the Food Standards Agency expects from local authorities in their delivery of official controls on feed and food law. It also sought to ensure that the UK fulfils its obligations with regard to current European legislative requirements. The Agreement sets out the planning and delivery requirements of feed and food official controls, based on the existing statutory Codes of Practice.

The local authority had a duty to enforce food safety legislation that was intended to ensure that food was safe to eat and that it complied with a wide range of standards and labelling requirements. The County Council was responsible for ensuring feed businesses throughout the feed chain from farms through to manufacturers comply with legal requirements on feed labelling, safety and hygiene.

The Trading Standards Service provided advice and information to local businesses on the requirements of the law and how best to comply. To check compliance with food and feed standards and feed hygiene requirements, the service undertook inspections or visits to local businesses. The complexity and size of the business and the type of food or feed produced or sold would determine the frequency of visits in accordance with nationally agreed 'risk assessment' policies. The Division also undertook project work to test compliance within a particular trade sector or food and feed products. Details of projects planned were contained within the Food and Feed Service Plan.

The draft Plan was attached to the report at Appendix 1 and it was proposed to publish it on the County Council website.

**RESOLVED** to approve the Food and Feed Service Plan 2019/20.

**46/19      ACTION GRANTS PROGRAMME** The report provided an update on the applications received and approved under round six 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 six was 30 September 2019.

Under the Community Activity Grant scheme, 76 small applications were submitted. Of these 62 were approved to the value of £28,889; the details of these applications were listed separately at Appendix A.

Under Community Safety Grants, four out of six small grant applications were approved to the value of £2,000; the details of these were listed at Appendix B.

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.

**47/19      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 late exempt report of the Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities and Policy on Contract for Audio Visual and Video Conferencing System for Coroner's Service (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).