

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

03 February 2020

Report of the Director of Public Health

REDUCING THE HARM OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN DERBYSHIRE

1. Purpose of the report

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of a Recovery Month grant to the value of £770 to Derventio Housing Trust.

2. Information and analysis

Recovery Month takes place in September each year and is a national event. It has been celebrated in Derbyshire for the past four years and is an opportunity to showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery is achievable. Local activities have previously concentrated on large scale events which take considerable resources to organise and have tended to locate in Chesterfield as our largest town. Due to this, a number of smaller but active recovery organisations from other parts of the county have struggled to take part in a meaningful way, and recovery month in Derbyshire was starting to lose momentum. On 13 November 2018 the Strategic Director for Adult Care approved the allocation of £20,000 over a three-year period to encourage individuals, treatment services and recovery organisations to undertake their own projects, events and activities in their own localities. This approach is more inclusive of our geographically diverse county and has revitalised the efforts of both local and countywide organisations and their service users.

We have had a successful first year in 2019, grant funding nine organisations and sixteen separate events/activities. Events have included fly fishing on Ladybower Reservoir, a Recovery Football Festival, a community café and various organisations taking part in the annual recovery games in Doncaster. Overall, over 300 people have taken part in Derbyshire Recovery Month activities in 2019.

An annual showcase event recognising achievements around recovery was held at County Hall in November 2019. Feedback from the event and about the first year of this new approach in general has been very positive.

It is intended to run year 2 in a similar way to the first year. We will also aim to increase the reach of Recovery Month across the county into new communities as the first year received such positive feedback.

For year 2 there will be two deadlines: an early deadline (Friday 06 December 2019) for events that cannot take place in Recovery Month, and a later deadline (Friday 19 March 2020) for events in Recovery Month itself.

An application was received for the first deadline and was considered by an evaluation team comprising the Public Health Lead and the Health Improvement Practitioner for substance misuse using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. This organisation successfully scored against the scoring criteria.

It is therefore proposed to provide a grant to the following organisation for recovery activities:

	Name	Location	Event	Service Provided	Cost
1.	Derventio Housing Trust	Various locations across Derbyshire	Orienteering events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maps• Compass• Parking• Lunch• Clothing with logo on	£770

This organisation currently delivers projects with people in recovery in Derbyshire.

3 Social Value considerations

Social value benefits of recovery are highlighted by the 'Life in Recovery' Study (September, 2015) by Professor David Best from Sheffield Hallam University. This study showed that people moving into recovery were more likely to be in education or employment, to volunteer, eat healthily and take regular exercise.

4. Financial considerations

The total amount allocated to develop Recovery Month activity in Derbyshire is £20,000 over three years. This was previously approved from underspends from the demand-led elements of the substance misuse budget which is met through the Public Health Grant. There is sufficient budget remaining to award this grant.

5. Legal/ HR considerations

The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

6. Other considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

7. Background papers

Adult Care Senior Management Team paper 13 November 2018 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

Paper for Cabinet Member, Health and Communities 11th April 2019 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

Paper for Cabinet Member, Health and Communities 27th June 2019 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

8. Key Decision: No

9. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

10. Officer's Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities

1. approves the award of a grant to Derventio Housing Trust to the value of £770 as detailed in the report to support Recovery Month 2020 in Derbyshire and
2. agrees to accept further reports relating to the award of other small grants to support Recovery Month in Derbyshire.

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