

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 3 February 2020 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillors Stuart Swann and Dave Allen

01/20 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 5 December 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

02/20 **BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 PERIOD 9** The joint report outlined the revenue budget position of the health and Communities portfolio for 2019-20 up to the end of 31 December 2019. There was a projected year-end underspend of £230,000; this included the projected year-end overspend against the ring-fenced Public Health Grant of £22,382. The significant areas that made up the projection were detailed in the table within the report. The portfolio had incurred additional costs of almost £19,000 due to the Toddbrook reservoir Whaley Bridge incident, which had been funded from the Council's General Reserve.

The Trading Standards underspend of £196,000 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 £10.411m to support future expenditure.

RESOLVED to note the report.

03/20 **RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCE GRANT** The Cabinet Member was asked to approve the award of £147,388 for five organisations from the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant.

Evidence showed that individuals in receipt of drug and alcohol treatment were more likely to recover from addiction if they could access supportive arrangements alongside treatment, which encouraged and improved employability, settled accommodation, strong relationships, self-esteem, purposeful activities and healthy diet/nutrition. The grant programme had been

running for the last four years to fund projects that provided recovery activities across Derbyshire.

In September 2019 organisations were invited to apply for the next round of funding in which organisations could apply for a maximum of £40,000 for their recovery projects. Five of the ten applications received from organisations across Derbyshire for the 12 month grant to run from 1 April 2020, were recommended for funding. Details of these organisations were detailed within the report.

In addition to the support these projects provided, Derby County Community Trust was grant-funded by Public Health to deliver activities for people in recovery from substance misuse issues in South Derbyshire, Erewash and Amber Valley. In areas not covered by the recovery projects, the Commissioning Team would work with locality leads to identify community projects which offered activities which may support recovery.

This round of grant funding would end on 31 March 2021. Future requirements for recovery activity would be procured by undertaking a competitive process in line with the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. In preparation for this, current projects would be reviewed and evaluated to inform requirements for the procurement process and ensure equitable coverage was available for all who require support across the county.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the award to five organisations who meet the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant funding criteria; and

(2) to further develop the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire from 2021.

04/20 REDUCING THE HARM OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN DERBYSHIRE The Cabinet Member was approval for the award of a Recovery Month grant to the value of £770 to Derventio Housing Trust.

Recovery Month was an annual national event where participants showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery was achievable. Local activities took considerable resources to organise and tended to locate in Chesterfield. Due to this, a number of smaller but active recovery organisations from other parts of the county had 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 was more inclusive of our geographically diverse county and had revitalised the efforts of both local and countywide organisations and their service users.

The first year, 2019, saw grant funding for nine organisations and sixteen separate events/activities which saw over 300 people taking part. An annual showcase event recognising achievements around recovery was held at County Hall in November 2019 and feedback from the event and the first year of this new approach in general had been very positive.

For year 2 there would 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 proposed to provide a grant to Derwentio Housing Trust for £770;

RESOLVED to (1) approve the award of a grant to Derwentio Housing Trust to the value of £770 as detailed in the report t; and

(2) agree to accept further reports relating to the award of other small grants to support Recovery Month in Derbyshire.

05/20 **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 minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 5 December 2019.