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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services

EARMARKED RESERVE FUNDING

1 Purpose of Report

To seek permission to create an earmarked reserve of £99,000 to fund the expenditure that will be incurred during 2020-21 for the Wellbeing Worker Salaries, additional staff training and the evaluation of our Enhanced Caseload Management.

2 Information and Analysis

Derbyshire Youth Offending Service (YOS) has had a fruitful working relationship with the National Health Service (NHS), England over a number of years and in particular within the Health and Justice strand. This has included a commission for Derbyshire YOS in collaboration with Derby City YOS to provide three Wellbeing Youth Workers. These workers are currently in-post, are DCC employees and are part of the current YOS establishment. Their role is to support young people known to the YOS who have poor mental health with the aim of improving their emotional and mental health and thereby reducing re-offending. This approach has been successful and as a result the County and City YOS have been commissioned to extend the Well Being Youth Work provision for a further year 2020-21. Funding has already been received in the 2019-2020 financial year, of which £99,000 relates to service delivery in 2020-21. The total amount noted above includes training for the Well-Being staff to undertake Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT). This is a strength based approach based on improving the emotional wellbeing of young people known to the YOS and will be paid for by the NHS. We have also been successful in attracting funding to evaluate our approach to reducing re-offending by using Enhanced Caseload Management (ECM) techniques and the identification and relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) and re-offending. The evaluation has been agreed and funded

by the NHS. The evaluation will be undertaken by Nottingham Trent University (NTU) with whom we have a long standing professional relationship.

3 Financial Considerations

Costs of delivery in 2020-21:

3 FTE Wellbeing Youth Workers	£91,700
DBT Training	£1,300
Evaluation	£6,000
Total	£99,000

The funding received will meet the full cost of delivery.

There would not be any redundancy costs at the end of the commission in 2021.

4 Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- legal and human rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property, crime and disorder and social value considerations.

5 Background Papers

None.

6 Key Decision?

No

7 Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?

No.

8 Executive Director's Recommendation

That the cabinet member for Young People note the content of this report and approve the creation of a reserve fund of £99,000 to fund the expenditure that will be incurred during 2020-21 for the Wellbeing Worker Salaries, additional staff training and the evaluation of the council's Enhanced Caseload Management.

Jane Parfremment
Executive Director for Children's Services