

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 26 March 2020 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillor G Wharmby

Apologies were received from Councillor D Allen

06/20 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 3 February 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

07/20 **APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS AND AGRICULTURAL ANALYSTS** The Cabinet Member was asked to approve the appointment of Public Analysts and Agricultural Analysts in accordance to the award of a contract for the provision of Public Analyst Services to the Authority.

The Trading Standards Division had a statutory duty to enforce food composition and labelling requirements to ensure that food and animal feed in Derbyshire is safe and complies with the law. Trading Standards Officers carry out a range of activities including visiting local businesses and taking samples for laboratory analysis

A two year contract (with the option of two further one year extensions) had been entered into with Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd (formerly Eurofins Laboratories Ltd), to commence on 1st April 2020. After the contract was awarded, a list of individual analysts was provided by the organisation so that appropriate individual appointments could be made; these analysts were employed by the organisation however the County Council was asked to appoint Analysts pursuant to appropriate legislation (listed in the report). These persons were:

Public Analysts:

Kevin Wardle MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Watney Elizabeth Moran MSc, MChemA, MBA, CChem, FRSC
Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Michelle Evans BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Donna Hanks BSc, MChemA, MRSC

Agricultural Analyst - Donna Hanks BSc, MChemA, MRSC

Deputy Agricultural Analysts:

Watney Elizabeth Moran MSc, MChemA, MBA, CChem, FRSC
Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Michelle Evans BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Kevin Wardle MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

RESOLVED to approve the appointment of the Public Analysts and Agricultural Analysts.

08/20 VULNERABLE PERSONS SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR DERBYSHIRE The Cabinet Member received an update on the delivery of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement (SVPR) Scheme in Derbyshire and was asked to support a commitment to the new UK Resettlement Scheme and for a continuation of the partnership approach under which Derbyshire County Council acts as the single point of contact and lead partner, including responsibility for financial arrangements.

A Cabinet Member meeting held on 24 May 2016 approved Derbyshire's participation in the scheme and had since pledged to welcome up to 130 refugees. A total of 108 refugees, in 25 family groups, had resettled in Derbyshire with additional families due to arrive by the end of March 2020.

In June 2019, the UK Resettlement Scheme was announced to commence in April 2020, extending the current SVPR scheme. Many details remain the same, however the new scheme would be open to all refugees, identified by UNHCR to be in need of resettlement, and did not have a specific geographic focus. It was anticipated that for at least the first year of the scheme, the caseloads of refugees would continue to be similar to those resettled under the current scheme.

East Midlands Councils (EMC) would remain the lead organisation for the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership and continue to provide support to local authorities to help to deliver resettlement and to coordinate activities regarding asylum seekers in the region. The Coordination of the SVPR was undertaken by Derbyshire County Council, but supported by the SVPR Partnership. It was proposed that the Partnership Group would continue to oversee, shape and develop the operation of the scheme in Derbyshire.

Caseworker support was provided by Upbeat Communities, a Derby based charity specialising in working with refugees and asylum seekers. Experience to date had identified that most families continued to require some level of case worker support until at least the end of their second year of

resettlement. Families with more complex needs were likely to take longer to achieve independence.

Communities within Derbyshire had been very welcoming, and families that had been resettled had integrated well. Some had found paid employment and the majority of families had members who regularly volunteered in their communities. All families attended English language lessons and all children aged 2 and above were in school or nursery. It was proposed to hold an event in the Spring to bring the families and partners together to celebrate the success of the scheme to date.

As was the case, the County Council would be responsible for the financial arrangements of the scheme and would claim the funding from the Home Office. All costs associated with the coordination and delivery of the scheme were met from the funding provided. The delivery of the scheme was dependent on district and borough councils providing support to secure housing, with approval being sought from each of the district and borough councils to allow Derbyshire to make a formal commitment to participate in the new UK Resettlement scheme.

RESOLVED to (1) note the achievement of the SVPR scheme to date;

(2) agree the commitment for Derbyshire to participate in the UK Resettlement Scheme from April 2020, subject to the support from district and borough councils; and

(3) support the continuation of the partnership approach outlined in the report and agree that Derbyshire County Council continue to act as the single point of contact and lead partner for the scheme, including responsibility for the financial arrangements.