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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 14 May 2020 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillors G Wharmby and D Allen

09/20 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 26 March 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

10/20 **COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND 7** The Cabinet Member was provided with an update on the projects supported under round seven of the community activity and community safety Action Grants Programme. The report outlined the background on the grant funding scheme, a breakdown of the three tiers of funding available and the applications received and approved.

Round seven of both the community activity and community safety grants was 31 January 2020 and applicants were only able to apply for a small grant as the medium and large grants were only available on an annual basis, with the next deadline being 31 May 2020.

As detailed in Appendix A attached to the report, 72 small grant applications were received, totalling £34,241. A small panel comprising of Community Safety Officers met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria and, as this total exceeded the allowed allocated budget, it was agreed to apply a reduction to all the funding awards to ensure everyone who was eligible could be successful. Where applicants would have been awarded the full amount of between £450 and £500 a 15% reduction was applied and those between £400 and £449 a 10% reduction was applied. In total 51 applications, the details of which are set out in Appendix A, were approved to the value of £19,741.

Appendix B of the report detailed four small grant applications totalling £1,978.60 which were all approved.

To date the community activity theme had funded 392 small, five medium and four large applications, at a total spend of £229,885. The total allocation was £250,000 with a view to delivering 375 small grants and a number of medium and large grants. The theme had therefore reached its limit and it was proposed to close the small community activity theme, leaving the remaining balance of £20,115 to be allocated to medium and large community activity grants in round eight (closing date of 31 May 2020). The three other community activity themes were undersubscribed and would operate a small, medium and large scheme in round eight.

Monitoring of the Programme, which included the take up of the different levels of grants as well as geographical coverage, would continue to ensure equality of access across different communities in Derbyshire. This would ensure that there was some flexibility in the Programme as it moves forward and that spend on the programme was maximised. It would also help to recognise those communities where more support would be required to identify and promote relevant projects.

RESOLVED to note the approval of (1) 51 small Grants for Community Activity to the value of £19,741; and (2) Four small Grants for Community Safety to the value of £1,978.60.

11/20 REDUCING HARM OF SUBSTANCE MIS-USE Approval was sought from the Cabinet Member for the award of Recovery Month grants up to the value of £6,010 for Recovery Month activities.

Recovery Month was a national event that took place in September each year. It had been celebrated in Derbyshire for the past five years and was an opportunity to showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery was achievable. Local activities had previously concentrated on large scale events which took considerable resources to organise and had tended to be located in Chesterfield. 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 revitalised the efforts of both local and countywide organisations and their service users.

The County Council had had a successful first year in 2019, grant funding six organisations and sixteen separate events and activities, including fly fishing, a Recovery Football Festival, a community café and various organisations taking part in the annual recovery games in Doncaster. Feedback from an annual showcase event recognised achievement was generally very positive.

The first event for Recovery Month funding for 2020 was approved in February for Derventio Housing Trust to run Orienteering events at various locations across Derbyshire. The report went on to outline six applications for events taking part in Recovery Month (September) 2020 that were successful against the scoring criteria.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the award of the grants detailed in the report to the value of £6,010 for Recovery Month activities; and

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