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MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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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 £310 for Recovery Month activities.

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 five 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 be located in Chesterfield as this is the county's 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 had a successful first year in 2019, grant funding six organisations and sixteen separate events and 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 achievement around recovery was held at County Hall in November 2019. Feedback from the event and about the first year of this new approach has been generally very positive.

The first event for Recovery Month funding for 2020 was approved in February 2020, which provided funding for one organisation, Derventio Housing Trust, to run Orienteering events at various locations across Derbyshire.

The second round of events for Recovery Month funding 2020 was approved in May 2020, which provided funding for six organisations to run various events in September 2020.

This report covers one application, for which the planning had to be cancelled earlier in the year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This application 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 and scored successfully against the scoring criteria.

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

Name	Location	Event	Service Provided	Cost
Derbyshire Veterans HQ	Derbyshire Dales	Recovery walk	Fuel Refreshments T shirts	£310.00

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 11 April 2019 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

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

Paper for Cabinet Member, Health and Communities 03 February 2020 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

Paper for Cabinet Member, Health and Communities 14 May 2020 “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

1. That the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approves the award of a grant to Derbyshire Veterans HQ to the value of £310 as detailed in the report to support Recovery Month 2020 in Derbyshire.
2. That the Cabinet Member agrees to accept further reports relating to the award of other small grants to support Recovery Month in Derbyshire.

Dean Wallace
Director of Public Health