

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 4 September 2020 virtually on MS Teams

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillors G Wharmby

35/20 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 21 August 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

36/20 **REVIEW OF URGENT DECISION OF CHANGES TO DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH DELIVERED SERVICES** The Cabinet Member was updated on changes made to Public Health-delivered services due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Live Life Better Derbyshire - Physical Activity and the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) remained on pause. Stop Smoking support remained available to existing and new clients through phone and video-call support, with Nicotine Replacement Therapy provided by mail. Between April and June 2020, there were 596 quit dates recorded, with 391 Derbyshire residents reporting having stopped smoking at 4-weeks. This was an increase on the same period in 2019.

The full Weight Management digital offer was launched on 17 August. All clients being supported at the time of lockdown had been contacted and offered a slot on the new programme. The first cohort of new clients had received their induction phone calls and would be offered a slot in one of the follow-up telephone clinics. Clients were able to access a range of online educational and communication options fully supported by the Weight Management Health Improvement Advisor team. Individuals who met the service criteria could self-refer for support or be referred by a professional.

School Crossing Patrols – many schools had introduced “staggered” start and finish times to comply with COVID-19 guidance, requiring Patrols to be in attendance for a longer period each day. Confirmation was required from all schools but increasing the length of each patrol would result in additional service costs of up to £70,000 for the current financial year. This increase would be met by the Public Health budget.

Time Swap, Safe Places, Local Area Co-ordination, Disability Employment Service, First contact, 50+ Forums and the Pension Credit Project remained suspended, with staff redeployed to support the Council’s response to COVID-19 and on-going community work.

RESOLVED - that the Cabinet Member note the report.

**37/20 ALLOCATION OF DERBYSHIRE'S CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):
LOCAL AUTHORITY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR FOOD AND
ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES**

The Cabinet Member was updated on the internal allocations of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies and approval sought to enable allocation of grant funding to the external organisations.

The Council had received £0.808m in the form of a Local Authority Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to support people who were struggling to afford essentials due to the impact of Covid-19. Public Health had been liaising with key partnership groups listed in detail within the report, to develop ideas and seek assurance that the grant was meeting local needs.

The grant could be used to fund existing schemes to meet rising demand, to ensure money was mobilised quickly and robustly and was expected to be spent within 12 weeks of it being made. This could take the form of cash/vouchers for direct payment to clients or through supporting advice and information to help people in the longer term. A mixed approach to allocation of the funding was recommended.

The Council required monthly information on how much had been spent and on what, alongside responding to a Government monitoring survey in October 2020.

Derbyshire's existing local welfare assistance offer, the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund (DDF) had supported residents during Covid-19. There had been an increase in applications from families and those who had previously been working or self-employed. Referral pathways to other sources of support had been strengthened and the 'system' response to the pandemic had proved an opportunity to build stronger working relationships with partners. Other proposed allocations would work in collaboration with the DDF scheme to ensure the avoidance of duplication of provision.

The proposals for funding, set out in Appendix One, were approved by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) on 6th August 2020. Additional proposals for funding to external partners, totalling £171,000 were also detailed for approval in the report.

Given the unpredictable nature of the pandemic there was a risk that demand would outstretch resources. The report recommended that a level of contingency funding was set aside in the budget to be allocated at a later date to meet emerging needs not already considered, or to strengthen ones that would require more funding than anticipated. The rapid pace required for allocation of this funding, and the ever-changing data situation, had made it difficult to evaluate need exactly.

RESOLVED to (1) note the information contained in the report; and (2) approve the recommendations regarding allocation of external grants to support provision of services relating to the Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies.

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 17 September 2020 virtually on MS Teams

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillors G Wharmby and D Allen

38/20 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 4 September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

39/20 **REVIEW OF URGENT DECISION OF CHANGES TO DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH DELIVERED SERVICES** The Cabinet Member was updated on changes made to Public Health-delivered services due to the COVID19 pandemic. Approval was also sought for continuation of the existing service delivery.

The delivery of Public Health services continued to be affected due to the impact of COVID19. Restrictions in place to mitigate the risk of community transmission of COVID19 made it highly unlikely that delivery of Public Health services would return to the delivery models in place prior to the onset of the pandemic in the near future. All Public Health delivered services had a revised service model in place or had adapted their delivery focus to support Derbyshire residents who were most clinically and socially vulnerable as a result of COVID19.

It was proposed that the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approve continuation of current service delivery models, thus negating the need for a fortnightly review. Any subsequent changes to the service models would be brought to future Cabinet Member meetings for approval as required.

Live Life Better Derbyshire - Physical Activity and the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) were being delivered remotely by Live Life Better Derbyshire advisors. Individuals wanting to stop smoking were supported through phone and video-call support, with Nicotine Replacement Therapy provided by mail. Weight Management digital offer was launched August, allowing clients access to a range of online options, available in conjunction with individual and group telephone calls with the Weight Management Health Improvement Advisor team. Physical Activity Health Improvement Advisors were also advising clients on ways to be more active and delivering group-based physical activity sessions by video. The online Live Life Better Derbyshire MOT assessment had been amended to reflect the changes in service provision and was re-launched on 7th September. The service continued plans to re-commence the NCMP in early 2021, aligning with COVID19 practices within school settings.

School Crossing Patrols – all but five sites were operational: three were unable to accommodate social distancing guidance and the other two were schools that had made temporary changes to site entrances and exits resulting in the patrol not required at this time. The service had increased the length of time that patrols were

on site at the start and end of the school day to accommodate the staggered start and finish times introduced by some schools.

The Disability Employment Service had re-commenced provision of in-work support to service-users, with an intention to restart other aspects of service delivery from 1st October 2020. The First Contact service was operating on a reduced basis, alongside the Community Response Unit. The service would continue to operate in this form as further work was undertaken to determine the future operating model for providing community support through the Community Response Unit. Face-to-face delivery of the 50+ Forums remained suspended for the foreseeable future, however it was working with the Forums to determine how they could engage with local residents while COVID19 restrictions remained in place.

Support remained in place for older people under the Pension Credit project. Individuals discharged from hospital had been identified as a priority area for the service, subject to approval of funding.

Time Swap, Safe Places, and Local Area Co-ordination had not resumed the model for service delivery that was in place prior to the onset of COVID19, however, staff had been an integral part of the Community Response Unit and had supported some of Derbyshire's most vulnerable residents through provision of shopping, medication deliveries and telephone-based contact. There had been a reduction in calls received by the Community Response Unit since the height of the COVID19 restrictions and work was underway to re-define the operation of the Unit to ensure that community support continued for the duration of the pandemic. Staff from these services would continue to support this function.

There had been limited financial impact in implementing amended service models for the majority of Public Health services, with any costs offset by savings due to a reduction in face-to-face delivery. Approval for all additional service costs would be sought in line with the Council's Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED - that the Cabinet Member (1) note the position with respect to the current delivery of Public Health services as a result of COVID19; and

(2) approve continuation of existing service delivery models as outlined in the report, with any subsequent changes to be considered at future Cabinet Member meetings.

40/20 **REDUCING THE HARM OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE** The Cabinet Member was asked to approve the award of £310 as part of Recovery Month activities, which takes place in September each year. This national event 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.

In 2019, over 300 people took part in sixteen separate events and activities, with funding granted to six organisations. The first event for 2020 was approved in February 2020 for Derventio Housing Trust to run Orienteering events. Funding for

the second round of events was approved in May 2020 for six organisations to run various events in September 2020.

The latest application was to provide a grant of £310 to Derbyshire Veterans HQ, the planning for which 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.

RESOLVED that to (1) approve the award of a grant to Derbyshire Veterans HQ to the value of £310 to support Recovery Month 2020 in Derbyshire; and

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

41/20 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To consider the exempt report of the Director of Public Health on the Provision of Adult Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment Service (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).