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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH THE CABINET MEMBER HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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Report of the Director of Legal Services

**Grant to Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group
(Health and Communities)**

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County-wide

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision.

3. Purpose

3.1 The purpose of this report is consider a grant request from the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group ('the Group') to Derbyshire County Council ('the Council') in recognition of its work with Gypsies and Travellers in Derbyshire in the year 2020-2021.

3.2 Cabinet are asked to:

- a) Award a grant of £3,500 to the Group, in recognition of its work in the County over the current year.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 The Group is asking for support for its work over the financial year with traditional Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers. It plays an extremely

important role in supporting the three Council owned Traveller sites in Derbyshire. Other activities include assistance with private site planning applications and dealing with issues of education, health and welfare of Travellers. Over the years the Council has held regular discussions with the Group on issues arising from unauthorised encampments, site management and on developing good practice in dealing with unauthorised encampments.

- 4.2 During Covid-19 the Group assisted numerous roadside families by supplying special dietary food when shelves were empty. They did this by organising a weekly drop off and undertaking welfare checks at the same time. The Group also arranged vaccination for 25 who did not have a GP or in contact with any GPs.
- 4.3 The Group works to combat discrimination and promote the rights of Gypsies and Travellers in Derbyshire.
- 4.4 The Group relies on small annual grants to cover the baseline running costs.
- 4.5 In the year 2019/2020 the group was awarded a grant of £3,500.

5. Alternative Options Considered

- 5.1 Do nothing.
- 5.2 Reject the grant request and that the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group not to be awarded £3,500 for the year 2020-2021.

6. Implications

- 6.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 The DGLG report and accounts have been supplied by the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1- Implications
- 8.2 Appendix 2- DGLG Report
- 8.3 Appendix 3- Accounts

9. Recommendation(s)

9.1 That Cabinet:

- a) Approve the grant request and that the Group be awarded £3,500 in recognition of its work in the County over the current year, subject to the County Council's standard conditions of grants.

10. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

10.1 Grant awarded to the Group in recognition of its work in the County over the current year.

11. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?

11.1 No

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Implications

a) Financial

Budgetary provision of £3,500 from the Travellers budget held within Commissioning Communities and Policy has been made to support Traveller organisations in the current year.