

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 17 June 2021 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillor N Atkin

33/21 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 3 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

34/21 **GRANT TO DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP** The Cabinet Member considered a grant request of £3,500 from the Group in recognition of its work with Gypsies and Travellers in Derbyshire in 2021-21.

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

During the Covid-19 epidemic, the Group assisted numerous roadside families by supplying special dietary food, when shelves were empty, by organising a weekly drop off and undertaking welfare checks at the same time. The Group also arranged vaccinations for those who did not have a GP or were in contact with any GPs.

The appendices attached to the report set out the relevant implications considered in its preparation, the accounts and accompanying report.

RESOLVED – that the Cabinet Member 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.