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| Committee: | Executive | Agenda Item No.: | 14 |
| Date: | 9 th December, 2013 | Status | Open |
| Category | Decision within the functions of Executive | | |
| Subject: | Extension of Agreements with Derbyshire County Council | | |
| Report by: | Senior Principal Solicitor | | |
| Other Officers Involved | Consultant Programme Manager, Facilities Planning & Development Manager and Sustainability Officer / joint Affordable Warmth Coordinator | | |
| Director | Solicitor to the Council | | |
| Relevant Portfolio Holder | Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion Cabinet Member for the Environment Leader of the Council. | | |

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities. employment; all of which contributes to building sustainable communities in the district.

SOCIAL INCLUSION- Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities

TARGETS

Contributes to improving the health of the District

VALUE FOR MONEY

Not applicable

THE REPORT

The Council currently provide public health services on behalf of Derbyshire County Council under several agreements which the County have inherited from the former PCTs. The services which are provided by Partnerships, Environmental Health and Leisure services are as follows-

- Partnerships- An agreement dated 1st April 2011 whereby funding is allocated to Bolsover Partnership. The Chief Executives and Partnership Team manages the Small Grants Fund which enables organisations and community groups to apply for up to £1000 for initiatives which contribute to the health agenda. The benefits to the

Council include the ability to offer small pots of funding to local groups which in turn has a positive impact on local communities;

- Environmental Health- An agreement relating to vulnerable people/fuel poverty dated 1st April 2011. This is a data sharing agreement with the Local Health Authority which assists the Council with fuel poverty identification work in order to deliver key national government targets in reducing deaths that are cold related. This data is shared through the Local Authority Energy Partnership (LAEP) which enables reduce excess winter. This agreement enables the Council to play a key role in supporting/delivering this project.

- Leisure- There are 3 related agreements, i.e. an agreement for Wellness, Wellness Plus and health referral dated 1st April 2012, an agreement for Healthy Lifestyle HUB service dated 1st April 2011 and an agreement for Five 60 services dated 1st September 2011. The Bolsover Wellness Programme consists mainly of a GP Referral programme to help tackle the decline in health issues for the residents of the district.. The scheme has a number of programmes incorporated including, Exercise Referral, Cardiac Rehabilitation Phase 3 & 4 classes, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease classes, Chair based exercise classes, walking for health schemes, active confidence programmes for mental health patients, outreach programmes and the five:60 childhood intervention programme. The scheme encourages GP Patients to enrol on a course of exercise rather than a course of medication to. Numerous classes and courses have been incorporated into the leisure centre programmes to encourage the clients to exercise. Throughout the first 12 weeks the individuals are supported by a referral officer and are continually assessed to ensure they are making progress towards their set goals, we then offer a subsidised rate to try and encourage the client to continue exercising after the initial period. The Council is experiencing very good retention rates through this scheme and therefore increasing memberships within our leisure facilities as a result. The Five:60 programme is delivered to all year three children throughout the district every year. This programme is trying to convey the message of healthy eating and exercise as an early intervention programme. Although we are adhering to the county specification on this, the funding we receive is not from the County Five:60 pot but is included in the locality funding through the Bolsover Wellness Plus contract. The total funding allows us to employ 4 full time and two part time referral officers and an exercise\referral coach in order to deliver the diverse wellness programme.

All the above agreements apart from the Five 60 agreement are due to expire on 31st March 2014 however the County has requested that the Council continues to provide the services until 30th September. However the County Council has reviewed the current provision of health services across Derbyshire and it does not intend to extend the agreements beyond 30th September 2014.

The Five 60 agreement expires on 31st July 2014 and it will not be extended. The Council, however, will continue to provide the services under the Wellness Plus contract.

It is important to note that the end of the contract does not necessarily mean the end of the Council's involvement in providing such services. It just means that service as provided pursuant to the old PCT agreement will end. It is likely that some or all of the services will continue under new contractual arrangements with the County Council.

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There is no formal authority, either specific or delegated, that authorises an extension to any of the agreements. Member approval is therefore required to extend the service until 30th September 2014.

IMPLICATONS

Financial: As contained in the report

Legal: None

Human Resources: As contained in the report

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Members authorise the extension of the agreements referred to in the report until 30th September 2014

REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

To continue to provide the services as detailed in the report