

CABINET

DATE	29th August 2018
REPORT OF	Councillor Hyldon-King Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Stephen Pintus - Director of Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT	Establish a North East Lincolnshire Recovery Community
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CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

Good health and wellbeing is an important area of the public's health, and contributes towards achieving the Council's priorities of a stronger community and stronger economy. The establishment of a North East Lincolnshire Recovery Community supports the strategies and plans of the two local statutory partnerships – the Health and Wellbeing Board and Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership.

This service links directly and contributes into the Council's outcome framework:

- All people in NEL feel safe & are safe
 - Domestic abuse rates
 - Incidences of abuse
 - Crime rates
 - % of residents who feel safe
 - % reduction in harm caused by drugs and alcohol
- All people in NEL enjoy good health & wellbeing
 - Number of opiate users aged 15-64 years

In 2016 North East Lincolnshire Council successfully bid for £284,146 of capital funding from Public Health England to establish a recovery community for people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction in our area. In agreement with Public Health England, the Council will use this grant to purchase a suitable building to provide a base for the recovery community as it develops. To complement this capital grant, we propose to procure a provider who will establish the service and develop an approach to secure the long term sustainability of the recovery community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is our ambition to commission a Provider who will establish and develop a sustainable open access, accessible drug and alcohol Recovery Community within North East Lincolnshire. North East Lincolnshire Council recently undertook a pre-market consultation with potential providers to share ideas about what a recovery service in North East Lincolnshire might look like. We were pleased to receive range of

responses to the consultation, including responses from national and local charities and from private companies specialising in substance misuse treatment. Some responses envisaged expanding on existing recovery services provided by local drug and alcohol treatment services by building links into community organisations whilst others supported a more consortium and community led approach. There was a high level of confidence that if a provider could obtain initial start-up costs they would be able to build an operating model that would provide long term sustainability for a recovery community and ultimately become self-sustaining as an independent community organisation.

Separate to this the Public Health England grant will be used to support the establishment and sustainability of the community by purchasing a base from which the community can develop. Therefore this report is to request the Cabinet give its consent to commence the procurement of a provider to operate this new enterprise for a period of three years at a total cost to the council of £150,000 for the three years. After this point it is anticipated that the recovery community will have achieved a self-sustaining future as an independent organisation focused on the recovery of substance misusers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the procurement of a provider who will establish and run a North East Lincolnshire Recovery Community at a total cost of £150,000 over three years.
2. Delegates authority to the Director of Health and Wellbeing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care to award the contract for a North East Lincolnshire Recovery Community upon completion of the procurement exercise.
3. Authorises the Monitoring Officer to execute all appropriate documentation arising.

REASONS FOR DECISION

It is our ambition to commission a Provider who will establish and develop an open access, accessible drug and alcohol recovery community within North East Lincolnshire. Every year around 170 people end treatment from local service providers for drugs and alcohol related addictions on the basis that they have become drug/alcohol free. Maintaining that status can be a challenging proposition for people with an addiction and success will often depend upon strengthening other aspects of their lives and building up their resilience. Evidence from elsewhere suggests that success is more likely if those in recovery have access to a supportive environment and peers in a similar situation.

Substance misuse recovery communities have been established in many places across Britain and there are numerous models in existence that reflect differences in need, resources and the sort of place being served. We want to establish such a community in North East Lincolnshire and would like organisations interested in running this community to set out their vision to us about what form the recovery community would

take. Ultimately it will need to have a strong relationship with local providers of drug and alcohol services and with the communities that are served.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 Increasing the number of people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction will provide opportunities to reduce crime and disorder in our communities as a large proportion of crime and disorder is associated with drug and alcohol.
- 2.2 It will also provide opportunities for clients to improve their wider determinants of health by accessing education, training and volunteering opportunities and accessing therapies that address the underlying causes of their addictions.
- 2.3 Commissioning the recovery service may also provide an opportunity to utilise the Public Health England capital grant which has been specifically allocated for this purpose. There is a risk that the capital grant will be lost if proposals are not brought forward soon.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 To take no action and return the capital grant to Public Health England. However given the needs of people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction and the availability of the public health grant we believe that our proposed actions represent a better approach

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There will be ongoing communication with service providers, service users, voluntary sector agencies, councillors and both internal and external partners in respect of this development.
- 4.2 There will be a launch event once the community has been established that will involve communication departments the provider and the council's communication department.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 A revenue amount of £150,000 for The Recovery Community will be funded from Public Health for the duration of the 3 years.

6. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

- 6.1 There is no consultation planned.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In respect of the £150,000 revenue funding over the next 3 years this will be met from the Public Health grant. This is currently a ring fenced grant until at least 2019-20. The revenue sum will be met from the reserve and as such there will be no additional direct financial implications in respect of this funding.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Preliminary Market Consultation referred to and the procurement exercise are both governed by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Preliminary Market Consultation activity enables any specification to be developed, in line

with appropriate contractual documentation. Such activity enables the seeking or accepting of advice from independent experts, authorities or from market participants providing it does not distort competition nor breach the requirements for non-discrimination and transparency. The contract is the key governing document through which the resulting relationship will be governed and Legal Services will complete the contractual documentation on award.

- 8.2 The procurement of a North East Lincolnshire Recovery Community provision within North East Lincolnshire is consistent with the stated aims and objectives of the Council underpinning its strategic objectives of Stronger Economy, Stronger Communities.
- 8.3 The procurement exercise will be conducted so as to comply with the Council's policy and legal obligations, specifically in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, and supported by relevant officers.
- 8.4 The delegations sought are consistent with an exercise of this nature.

9. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no direct human resource implications arising from the contents of this report.

10. WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Potentially impacts on all wards across the Borough

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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