

Agenda Item No. 4(c)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER - HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

10 May 2016

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

**ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK CARAVAN SITE DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek Cabinet Member approval to add the Caravan Site Drainage Improvement Project to the 2016-17 Capital Programme.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The Caravan site at Elvaston Castle Country Park has been vacant since the end of the lease arrangement with the Caravan Club of Great Britain in 2012. The site was not marketed at that time as the Council was developing its strategic vision for Elvaston.

The Council now has an agreed 10 year Vision for Elvaston. Countryside Service staff have been working towards marketing the Caravan site for an external partner to operate bringing an income stream into the estate.

An assessment of the drainage system on site has indicated that it needs repair and upgrade to make the site an attractive commercial proposition for an external partner which should deliver an increased level of income.

The Director of Property has estimated the cost of the repairs at £45,000. This can be met from the Economy, Transport and Communities Department earmarked premises reserve.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The estimated cost of the works is £45,000. The works will ensure the site is an attractive proposition for a prospective partner and will allow the Estates team to negotiate a higher rental for the site.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

- (4) **Key Decision** No.
- (5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.
- (6) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Gill Forrester, extension 33875.
- (7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the addition of the Caravan Site Drainage Works Project at Elvaston Castle Country Park to the 2016-17 Capital Programme at an estimated cost of £45,000.

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