

Agenda Item No. 4(e)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

12 April 2016

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE TRANS PENNINE TRAIL OFFICE

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval to pay the 2016-17 contribution to the running costs of the Trans Pennine Trail Central Office.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) is a recreational and transport route connecting the towns and cities of the North of England with the Peak District National Park. The Trail itself was built and managed by 26 local authorities and governed by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which the County Council signed up to in August 2010.

Physical management of the Trail is undertaken by the individual local authorities but a small central team, based at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (MBC) provides general support. Its workload is set out in the Development Strategy 2013-2018 and its work streams include:

- Promotion and marketing. (Operating the website and producing publicity material).
- Project resilience. (Helping local authorities meet the requirements of the initial funding arrangements).
- Support for volunteers. (Particularly the Friends group).
- Research and development. (Providing evidence of usage and economic impact of the Trail).
- Quality standards. (Ensuring standards are maintained along the whole length of the Trail).
- Environmental sustainability. (Assisting local authorities to manage the Trail in a sustainable way and disseminating examples of best practice).

The office running costs are met from contributions from the 26 local authorities and the request this year is for a contribution of £3,535, which is the same rate as the 2015-16 contribution.

(3) **Financial Considerations** This contribution can be met from the Countryside Service's Revenue budget. The services offered by the TPT Central Office work well for the interests of Derbyshire and ensure that the Trail is promoted more efficiently at a regional level and in a more cost effective way than if each Partner were to do this independently.

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 Environment Department. Officer contact details – Gemma Gregory, extension 37612.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That approval be given to make the contribution of £3,535 towards the operating costs of the Trans Pennine Trail Central Office for 2016-17.

Mike Ashworth
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