

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

20 September 2016

Report of the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Communities

**POTENTIAL BID FOR FUNDING FROM THE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND
GREAT PLACE SCHEME**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval to submit an Expression of Interest for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Great Place Scheme for the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) and, if invited, to submit a full application which would require an element of match funding from the DVMWHS Partnership reserve.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

The Great Place Scheme is a new funding stream organised by the HLF, the Arts Council and Historic England. It is a pilot scheme which aims to put arts, culture and heritage at the heart of the local vision for 12 places across England, 4 of which will be rural. It will fund projects where there is already a strong local partnership approach and a commitment to embed arts, culture and heritage into local plans, policies and strategies. The DVMWHS is an established partnership which enjoys the confidence of the three funding bodies, all of whom have supported the Site in the past to deliver successful projects. See www.greatplacescheme.org.uk and www.derwentvalleymills.org

Brief Analysis of the Scheme

- A partnership of organisations is needed to deliver the proposal – only a ‘not for profit’ organisation can be the lead.
- There needs to be 10% cash match funding (in-kind is not eligible as match) and this needs to be from more than one source. Grants are available between £0.5m and £1.5m.
- The deadline for Expression of Interest is midday on 6 October 2016 with a full application submitted by 12 January 2017.
- Projects can start from 1 April 2017 and must end by 31 March 2020 – they can last for up to the full 3 years.
- Funding is only for projects in England (separate schemes and guidance exist for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland).

- Large scale capital works are not eligible (projects can have small amounts of capital funding).

Activities need to fit in the following four areas:

- Talking to people.
- Exploring new ideas.
- Creating tools to realise step change.
- Building capacity.

Expected outcomes are:

- Everyone has the opportunity to experience and to be inspired by arts, culture and heritage
- The local area will be a better place to live, work or visit
- The local economy will be boosted
- Arts, culture, heritage and other local organisations will be more resilient
- Partnerships will have been built by arts, culture and heritage organisations with other sectors, agencies and organisations. Culture will be reflected in local plans and strategies.

Officers have considered the scheme and believe that there is a good strategic fit between the scheme and the aims and objectives of the DVMWHS partnership, which has a strong track record of working with the type of partners that the funders expect, namely:

- Arts organisations.
- Museums and libraries.
- Historic environment and natural heritage groups.
- Social enterprises.
- Commercial enterprises.
- Local authorities.
- Parish/Town councils.
- Local Enterprise Partnerships.
- Further and Higher Education institutions.
- National strategic agencies.

Proposed Actions

A officer working group will draft the Expression of Interest and, if invited, will submit a full application. The scheme will be discussed by the DVMWHS Steering Group, the Management Panels and officers from Derbyshire County Council's Regeneration, Arts, Conservation and Design, and Countryside Services departments. The Expression of Interest will outline projects that could be included to deliver maximum economic, cultural, social and community benefit. Realistic estimates will be used and officers will aim to

construct a bid between £0.75m and £1m. The human and financial capacity to deliver will be a defining factor.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The expected grant range is between £500,000 and £1,500,000, from an overall allocation of £15 million. The DVMWHS currently has a reserve (drawn from Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council and Amber Valley Borough Council) which stands at £225,755.07, with potential commitments against this of £70,000 which leaves £155,755.07 available for use. The reserves are there to mainly provide match-funding for projects. The plural source of this funding already satisfies the criteria of multiple funding and this would be amplified by expected funding from other partners. The table below lays out the potential grant that could be sought within a full application and the amount of match-funding required.

Figure 1: Possible funding break-down

Bid (Total) £m	Match (10%) £	Match (per annum over 3 years) £		
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1.5	150,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
1	100,000	33,333	33,333	33,333
0.75	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
0.5	50,000	16,666	16,666	16,666

(4) **Social Value Considerations** The project supports the corporate purpose, vision and values of Derbyshire County Council as laid out in the Council Plan Update 2016-17 (page 3) and those of the DVMWHS as laid out in its Management Plan 2014-2019, (page 7 and pages 90-104). The expected outcomes are laid out as above.

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.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details - Mark Suggitt, extension 36832.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member:

- 8.1 Approves the submission of an Expression of Interest for 6 October 2016 and if invited by the Heritage Lottery Fund, that the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site submits a full application to the Great Place scheme by 12 January 2017.
- 8.2 Agrees to contribute up to a maximum of £150,000 from the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership reserve as match funding towards this proposal should the bid be successful.

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