

Agenda Item No. 4(d)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

14 June 2018

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

FUNDING FOR CRESWELL HERITAGE TRUST

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek the Cabinet Member's approval to release Derbyshire County Council's final quarter core funding payment, from the financial year 2017-18, to Creswell Heritage Trust.

(2) **Information and Analysis** On 11 January 2018, the Cabinet Member agreed to create an earmarked reserve to offset Derbyshire County Council's future core funding contributions to Creswell Heritage Trust (CHT) until it tapers to zero in 2020-21 (Minute No. 11/18 refers). It was also agreed that the Head of Conservation, Heritage and Design be delegated to release the payment to CHT, so long as agreed key performance indicators were cumulatively achieved over three financial quarters and that any contribution is matched by Nottinghamshire County Council.

Unfortunately, CHT has not cumulatively achieved its financial targets over the last three financial quarters. It has missed its target by £22,625. The main reasons for this are that over the Easter period, there was particularly adverse weather conditions due to snow fall. Indeed, the Visitor Centre had to shut for five days. Three of these days were mid-week and two were at the weekend, which is normally the site's busiest time. In addition to this, income from school visits was down due to a number of smaller schools visiting. Work has now been undertaken to rectify this, e.g. twinning smaller school visits, and the site is now fully booked for school visits until October 2018.

With the better weather and the work that has taken place to coordinate school visits, it is hoped that CHT will be back on track and will hopefully exceed, and hopefully exceeding, its financial targets.

Nottinghamshire County Council has already released its final payment for 2017-18.

(3) **Financial Considerations** There is an earmarked reserve to offset Derbyshire County Council's future commitment to the core costs of CHT until

2020-21, at which point the contribution will have tapered to zero. Derbyshire County Council's financial contribution for the last quarter of 2017-18 is £9,500.

(4) **Social Value Considerations** CHT manages Creswell Craggs, which is not only a historically significant site but is also a beautiful recreation facility, for the surrounding communities and the residents of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

Other considerations

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 Environment Department. Officer contact details - Adam Lathbury, extension 39791.

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

- 8.1 The release of the final quarter payment of £9,500 to Creswell Heritage Trust for the financial year 2017-18.
- 8.2 That the Head of Conservation, Heritage and Design continues to be delegated to release the funding to Creswell Heritage Trust for the next three financial quarters, subject to targets being met.
- 8.3 That the Head of Conservation, Heritage and Design reports back after the next three financial quarters on the progress of Creswell Heritage Trust on delivering its financial key performance indicators.

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