

## Agenda Item No. 4(d)

## DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE

15 November 2016

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

## AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek the Cabinet Member's approval to award grants to external recipients.

(2) **Information and Analysis** In accordance with Financial Regulations, all grants to external recipients must be approved and a departmental register maintained. Grants are payments of funds for a specific purpose. Examples include contributions towards an external party's core running costs, purchase or construction of specified assets, and the running of specific events.

There is now, also, a requirement under the Local Government Transparency Code 2014 to publish information on grants awarded to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations.

Applications for grants have been received from the following:

Applicant	Works	Suggested contribution
Network Rail	The grant is for additional tree felling work to create a safer and more welcoming station for passengers and tenants of the station buildings. This is part of a larger improvement scheme funded by various external sources at a total cost of £15,210. The proposed funding is from a £7,500 grant received by the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership from the Designated Community Rail Development Fund. This is a Department for Transport fund administered by the Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP).	£5,000
Ecclesbourne Valley	The grant is for environmental improvements and surfacing of a footpath link between the	£5,000

Railway	National Rail and Heritage Rail platforms at Duffield Station. This is part of a larger improvement scheme funded by various external sources at a total cost of £37,270. The proposed funding is from a £7,000 grant received by the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership from the Designated Community Rail Development Fund. This is a Department for Transport fund administered by the ACoRP.	
Chinley and Buxworth Transport Group	A contribution of approximately 50% towards the costs of conducting a passenger survey into travel and accessibility issues at Chinley Station.	£200

Specific details of the applications for grant can be found in the Appendix attached.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The costs of the grants will be met from the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership and the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership budgets.

(4) **Legal Considerations** By grant funding, the bodies set out above will not be contractually obliged to deliver any particular services although the Council may be able to claw back grant if it is unspent or misapplied.

(5) **Social Value Considerations** The grant funding provided by the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership and the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership to voluntary groups, has proved to be an effective means of engaging with community-based organisations and increasing the attractiveness and patronage of local rail services.

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

(6) **Key Decision** No.

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

(8) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Andrew Walker, extension 36730 and Alastair Morley, extension 38062.

(9) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the award of grants of:

- £5,000 to Network Rail.
- £5,000 to Ecclesbourne Valley Railway.
- £200 to Chinley and Buxworth Transport Group.

**Mike Ashworth**  
**Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities**

**Appendix - Award of Grants****Name of Recipient:** Network Rail**Grant Name:** Cromford Station Tree Work**Officer Responsible:** Alastair Morley

**Summary of Purpose:** For additional tree felling work to create a safer and more welcoming station for passengers and tenants of the station buildings. This is part of a larger improvement scheme funded by various external sources at a total cost of £15,210.

**Amount of grant requested:** £5,000. This will be funded from a £7,500 grant award received by the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership from the Designated Community Rail Development Fund. This is a Department for Transport fund administered by Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP).

**Capital/Revenue:** Revenue.

**Which Budget:** Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership.

**Time Period:** 2016-17.

**Name of Recipient:** Ecclesbourne Valley Railway

**Grant Name:** Connecting Duffield

**Officer Responsible:** Alastair Morley

**Summary of Purpose:** For environmental improvements and surfacing of footpath link between the National Rail and Heritage Rail platforms at Duffield Station. This is part of a larger improvement scheme funded by various external sources at a total cost of £37,270.

**Amount of grant requested:** £5,000. This will be funded from a £7,000 grant award received by the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership from the Designated Community Rail Development Fund. This is a Department for Transport fund administered by Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP).

**Capital/Revenue:** Revenue.

**Which Budget:** Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership.

**Time Period:** 2016-17.

## Appendix - Award of Grants

**Name of Recipient:** Chinley and Buxworth Transport Group

**Grant Name:** Chinley Station Accessibility Survey 2016

**Officer Responsible:** Andrew Walker

**Summary of Purpose:** A contribution of approximately 50% towards the costs of conducting a passenger survey into travel and accessibility issues at Chinley Station.

**Amount of grant requested:** £200.

**Capital/Revenue:** Revenue.

**Which Budget:** High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership.

**Time Period:** 2016-17.