

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

17 June 2014

Report of the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment

**STAINSBY FESTIVAL EVENT – SUPPORT BY DERBYSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek approval for the County Council's Countryside Service to support the Stainsby Festival from 18 - 20 July 2014, following a request from supporters of the event.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Stainsby Festival is a well-established family event held in large marquees on a greenfield site at Brunt's Farm in the Stainsby, Derbyshire. Stainsby will celebrate its 46th festival this year.

Stainsby Festival is a registered charity and a not-for-profit event run entirely by unpaid volunteers. All the proceeds made by the Festival activities go back into the event.

The Countryside Service first attended the Stainsby Festival over 20 years ago. This long standing relationship led to Countryside Rangers, in the run up to the event, assisting the site team by taking equipment onto site and working with the events own volunteers in putting up the infrastructure.

Much of this work was done on a voluntary basis by Countryside Service staff, some taking leave for example.

The Festival Committee in recent years has asked if the Countryside Service could assist on a year-by-year basis to carry out this work and also assist on the breaking down of the site at the end of the event. This has shifted our contribution to a more formal use of core staff (Ranger) time and Service vehicles, in between carrying out their day to day duties in the area.

At the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Highways and Transport dated 21 April 2011, approval was given for the Countryside Service to support the event in July

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2011, and that this support be reviewed on an annual basis (Minute No. 76/11 refers).

The Festival organisers have been asked in recent years, in view of the constrained resources within the Countryside Service, if they might access support through other means. The organiser reports that they have been unable to do so, and the Countryside Service has been approached again to provide assistance this year.

(3) **Financial Considerations** Past support has consisted of seven days staff time and two vehicles to undertake shuttle duties. This equates to a Ranger being allocated with a 4x4 for the day on the prior Wednesday, with two Rangers plus two 4x4's along with a trailer, for Friday 18, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July 2014.

At £15.09 an hour for a Ranger (including on-costs), the equivalent staff cost would total £792. With two vehicles for four days at 60 pence per mile at around £126, this would result in a total cost of providing support to be approximately £918, with staff reassigned from normal duties.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors have 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** None. Officer contact details – Martin Dowson, extension 33020.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

7.1 The Cabinet Member supports the request for the Council's Countryside Service to assist at this year's Stainsby Festival event as set out in the report.

7.2 This support continues to be reviewed annually and the Festival organisers be requested to pursue and confirm efforts made to secure alternative means of support.

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