

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

18 June 2013

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

RENEWAL OF LICENCE, REDHILL QUARRY, MIDDLETON TOP

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek approval to re-new the licence for Redhill Quarry at Middleton Top.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Redhill Quarry, which is an area of land of approximately 1.5 hectares, lies adjacent to the High Peak Trail at Middleton Top. For the last five years, the County Council has managed the site on a licence from Tarmac Ltd as an addition to the Middleton Top site. The site provides an attractive picnic area and is interesting to visitors for industrial history and flora being a good site for orchids. A path around the top of the quarry has extensive views of the site and down into the Trent Valley. As part of the arrangement, the County Council also manages the grassland by arranging grazing by a local farmer and an annual grass cut.

The current five year licence will expire on 24 June 2013 and Tarmac Ltd has offered to extend the licence on the same terms as before, a £1 annual rent plus its reasonable legal costs which are to be in the region of £500 per annum. Approval is therefore sought to instruct the Director of Property to negotiate an extension to the licence.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The costs of the rental, legal costs and site maintenance would be met from the approved revenue budget and would not be greater than £500 per annum.

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** None. Officer contact details – Chris Coombs, extension 39821.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Director of Property be requested to negotiate an extension to the licence for Redhill Quarry, Middleton Top for an additional five years, up to June 2018, on the terms outlined in the report.

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Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services