

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 30 September 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

Also in attendance – Councillors A Botham, D Collins and S A Spencer.

**143/14**                    **PETITION**                    **RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

<b>Location/Subject</b>	<b>Signatures</b>	<b>Local Member</b>
Pilsley, Back Lane - Back Lane – Highway Issues	19	Councillor K Gillott

and (2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment be asked to investigate the matters raised.

**144/14**                    **MINUTES**                    **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 9 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**145/14**                    **PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING THE TOYOTA TWINNING SCHOOLS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**                    Outside of the formalities of the twinning arrangement with Toyota City, Derbyshire County Council has a long history of providing support to the annual Schools Exchange Programme between Derbyshire and Toyota City; such activity directly contributes to the Council's priorities set out in the Council Plan.

Continuation of the Schools Exchange Programme was important in helping the Council meet its stated objectives and providing opportunities for young people. On average 26 students participate on an annual basis. The cost of the Exchange Programme was approximately £7,500.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the long-standing and active relationship between schools in Derbyshire and Toyota City; and

(2) that the costs (approximately £7,500) of the Annual Schools Exchange Programme and welcome reception (approximately £500) for 2014 be met by the Economy and Regeneration Twinning budget as part of the on-going commitment and that officers also help build capacity in schools to secure external funding for the programme in future.

**146/14      PETITION – RUTLAND AVENUE, MATLOCK – REQUEST FOR ACCESS ONLY RESTRICTION** An investigation has been undertaken following the receipt of a petition requesting introduction of an Access Only restriction for Rutland Avenue, Matlock to prevent parking on the road by non-residents.

The issue of limited parking for residents in the Matlock area surrounding County Hall, has recently been the subject of a widespread consultation to determine the views of residents regarding the potential introduction of a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme. However, this report deals with the issues raised by the petitioners on Rutland Avenue.

Illegal parking and instances of obstruction should be reported by residents to the enforcement agencies; the issue of running a business from the highway was a planning issue which needs to be raised with Derbyshire Dales District Council; and the amendment of legislation should be raised with the local Member of Parliament. The future use of Access Only orders was considered by the Cabinet Member in January 2014 and it was resolved that no further Orders be introduced and existing Orders be considered for revocation.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the request for an Access Only restriction for Rutland Avenue, Matlock, be refused; and

(2) the local Member and petitioners be informed of the decision.

**147/14      MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO WELL MAINTAINED ROADS AND RIGHTS OF WAY : CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14** It was reported that the allocation to provide LED technology to existing traffic signal sites within the Well and Maintained Roads and Rights of Way Capital Schemes Programme 2013/14, was now surplus to requirements, as a similar allocation was also provided in the for Lighting Investment Protocol within the Capital Schemes Programme for 2014/15. The 2013/14 allocation could be used to fund a much needed traffic signal refurbishment at the junction of Derby Road and The Green, Swanwick.

The cost of the works at Swanwick was estimated at £50,000 and it was proposed that SAP Number 01-06-13 Service Plan 01-01-94 Various Sites – Countywide – Provide LED technology to existing traffic signal sites to reduce energy and Carbon emissions (estimated cost - £50,000) be removed from 2013/14 schemes and replaced with 01-06-23 Traffic Signal Refurbishment – Derby Road / The Green, Swanwick – Estimated Cost - £50,000.

**RESOLVED** to approve the change in use of the funding within the Well Maintained Roads and Rights of Way section of the Capital Schemes Programme for 2013/2014 for Traffic Signal Refurbishment at Derby Road/The Green, Swanwick at an estimated cost of £50,000.

**148/14      FUNDING TO SUPPORT CRESWELL HERITAGE TRUST 2014/15**

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils, each making an annual core grant contribution of £38,000 for the operation of the Creswell Heritage Trust. In 2013/14, both Councils contributed an additional £12,000, specifically to assist the Trust during a period of financial pressure, however the Trust continued to find itself in challenging financial circumstances.

The new Director, appointed in December 2013, has been urgently tasked by the Management Board with developing a revised business plan to turn the financial fortunes of the Craggs around and put it on a sustainable financial footing going forward. The support of the Heritage Lottery Fund to review the Trust's operating model and assist it in developing its new Business Plan has also been sought and a decision was awaited. In the meantime additional funding was being sought from both Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils to ease the financial pressure the Trust continues to experience.

**RESOLVED** that (1) a core contribution of £38,000 to support the on-going operation of the Creswell Heritage Trust in 2014/15 be approved;

(2) an additional one-off contribution from an Economy, Transport and Environment earmarked reserve to the Creswell Heritage Trust of £12,000 in 2014/15 only to support a review of the Trust's operating model and development of a Business Plan which seeks to secure the financial sustainability of the Trust beyond March 2015 be approve;

(3) resolutions (1) and (2) are subject to the contributions being matched by Nottinghamshire County Council; and

(4) a review of the Council's funding contribution to the Creswell Heritage Trust from 2014/15 onwards in light of pressures on the Countryside Service Budget, the outcome of the Trust's operational review and the long term sustainability of its Business Plan be endorsed.

**149/14      HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS BUDGET**      Funding was allocated on 5 August 2014 to Conservation Area Partnership Schemes and the Archaeological Grant, and approval was now sought for an additional £5,500 for the Derwent Valley Partnership Scheme, to secure English Heritage and Derbyshire Dales District Council funding for a preferred target project in Cromford Market Place.

**RESOLVED** to approve the additional allocation of £5,500 to the Derwent Valley Partnership Scheme to secure the allocation of English Heritage and Derbyshire Dales District Council's underspend from the last financial year.

**150/14      DERBYSHIRE LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE**      The aim of a Derbyshire Learning Outside the Classroom Conference would be to provide a showcase and 'market place' to highlight the wealth of learning outside the classroom providers, visit destinations and organisations available across the county and encourage schools across the area

to choose Derbyshire for the learning outside the classroom opportunities they offer their pupils.

It was proposed that the day would be hosted at Lea Green Development Centre on 21 April 2015 and would be for teachers and group leaders from across Derbyshire and neighbouring counties who work with young people. Derbyshire County Council's departments and other partner organisations who deliver within the county would be invited to promote their services. The event would be cost neutral.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service to co-ordinate the delivery of the first Derbyshire Learning Outside the Classroom Conference at Lea Green Development Centre on 21 April 2015.

**151/14 CHARGES FOR DERBYSHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SERVICE PROVISION FROM JANUARY 2015**

Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service makes a number of charges for its services which aimed to engage groups and particularly young people in understanding and relating to the built and natural environment of Derbyshire. Approval was sought for changes to these charges to be made with effect from January 2015. The costs for services delivered to Derbyshire schools and groups was subsidised and the cost for external commissioned work carried little or no subsidy. Details of the proposed charges for 2015 were contained within Appendix 1 to the report.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed charges for Derbyshire Environmental Studies Services are adopted from January 2015, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

**152/14 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE AMBER VALLEY LOCAL PLAN PART 1 CORE STRATEGY**

The Amber Valley Local Plan Part 1: Submission Core Strategy (Submission Core Strategy) was submitted to the Secretary of State by AVBC on 20 December 2013. An Examination in Public (EIP) of the Plan was subsequently conducted by a Government Inspector who recommended suspension of the EIP for a period of six months to allow AVBC further time to address his soundness concerns on the Housing Market Area and deliverability of the sites identified in the five year housing land supply. Strategic Growth Sites in the Plan were also examined and the need for the associated A610 Relief Road.

Derbyshire County Council was required to submit comments on the proposed changes by 8 September 2014 and the draft officer response submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council was summarised at Appendix 2 to the report. Following correspondence with Amber Valley Borough Council the Inspector has indicated that an extension of time until February 2015 would be appropriate before he re-opened the EIP. The County Council would support this as it would enable collaborative working to be completed and all the relevant evidence to be in place.

It was reported that it was expected that Amber Valley Borough Council would further consider the Core Strategy at its meeting on 15 October 2014.

**RESOLVED** to authorise officers to respond formally to Amber Valley Borough Council on its Proposed Changes to the Amber Valley Local Plan Part 1 Core Strategy, as described in the report and appendices, with additional Technical Officer comments as appropriate.

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