

Agenda Item No. 4(c)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

22 December 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 a grant to an external recipient.

(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
Lons Infant School	Additional funding to supplement a £500 grant already secured from the Police Mutual Society for the purchase of 6 Ped-i-bal balance bikes for Lons Infant School. Total cost is £600.	£100
Mr Longbottom	Cromford Station Fencing Improvements	£1,300

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

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the grant to Lons Infant School will be met from the Sustainable Travel budget. The grant for fencing improvements at Cromford Station will be met from funds held by the Derwent Valley Rail Partnership budget.

(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** There is real potential that, through the provision of 6 Ped-i-bal balance bikes, the health of young people will be improved and that benefits to the environment will be evidenced through the promotion and implementation of active travel, by both parents and children, as they make their way to and from school on a daily basis.

The grant funding provided by 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. This grant will complement and support the work undertaken by the Friends of Matlock Station. It will provide benefits for the local community by improving the general amenity of the station and the perception of personal safety.

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. Officers contact details – Richard Lovell, extension 38192 and Alastair Morley, extension 38062.

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

- £100 to Lons Infant School.
- £1,300 to Mr Longbottom

Mike Ashworth
Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

Appendix - Award of Grants

Name of Recipient: Lons Infant School

Grant Name: Balance Bikes

Officer Responsible: Richard Lovell

<p>Summary of Purpose: Additional funding to supplement a £500 grant already secured from the Police Mutual Society to help purchase 6 Ped-i-bal balance bikes for Lons Infant School. Total cost is £600.</p>
<p>Amount of grant requested: £100</p>
<p>Capital/Revenue: Revenue</p>
<p>Which Budget: Sustainable Travel budget.</p>
<p>Time Period: 2016-17.</p>

Appendix - Award of Grants

Name of Recipient: Mr Longbottom

Grant Name: Cromford Station Fencing Improvements

Officer Responsible: Alastair Morley

<p>Summary of Purpose: To contribute towards the cost of replacement fencing on the boundary of Cromford Station and an adjacent residential property.</p>

<p>Amount of grant requested: £1,300</p>

<p>Capital/Revenue: Revenue</p>
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<p>Which Budget: Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership budget.</p>
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<p>Time Period: 2016-17.</p>
