

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

23 August 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
Friends of Bamford Station - Banners	To purchase two large PVC banners for installation at Bamford Station to promote the community owned pub/café/restaurant facilities in the village to rail users and tourists. (A £50 contribution from the local community is in place to top up this grant from the Rail Partnership.)	£100 + VAT
Network Rail - Cromford Station Environmental Improvements	For woodland habitat restoration 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 Network Rail and other external sources. (This funding is part of an £6820 grant award from the Designated Community Rail Development Fund. This is a Department for Transport fund administered by Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP))	£6,320

Groundwork Creswell - Autumn Footprints Walking Festival	Contribution to Autumn Footprints Walking Festival, including organising several walks using the railway as part of walking festival. Promotion of the rail partnership as part of the promotional material for the walking festival.	£250
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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 Grants 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:

- £100 to Friends of Bamford Station.
- £6,320 to Network Rail
- £250 to Groundwork Creswell

Mike Ashworth
Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

Appendix - Award of Grants

Name of Recipient: Friends of Bamford Station

Grant Name: Bamford Station Banners

Officer Responsible: Andrew Walker

Summary of Purpose: To purchase two large PVC banners for installation at Bamford Station to promote the community owned pub/café/restaurant facilities in the village to rail users and tourists.

Amount of grant requested: £100 (A £50 contribution from the local community is in place to top up this grant from the Rail Partnership)

Capital/Revenue: Revenue

Which Budget: High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership Grants Budget

Time Period: 2016-17

Name of Recipient: Network Rail

Grant Name: Cromford Station Environmental Improvements

Officer Responsible: Alastair Morley

Summary of Purpose: For woodland habitat restoration 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 Network Rail and other external sources.

This funding is part of an £6,820 grant award from the Designated Community Rail Development Fund. This is a Department for Transport fund administered by Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP).

Amount of grant requested: £6,320

Capital/Revenue: Revenue

Which Budget: Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership Budget.

Time Period: 2016-17

Name of Recipient: Groundwork Creswell

Grant Name: Autumn Footprints Walking Festival

Officer Responsible: Alastair Morley

Summary of Purpose: Contribution to Autumn Footprints Walking Festival, including organising several walks using the railway as part of walking festival. Promotion of the rail partnership as part of the promotional material for the walking festival.

Amount of grant requested: £250

Capital/Revenue: Revenue

Which Budget: Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership Budget.

Time Period: 2016-17