

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**29 June 2017**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

**HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS BUDGET**

- (1) **Purpose of Report** To seek the Cabinet Member's approval to allocate the Historic Environment Grants budget (HEGB).
- (2) **Information and Analysis** For 2017-18, the budget for Derbyshire County Council Historic Environment Grants is £40,500.

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) has used its HEGB to lever in funding into the County to protect and enhance the built historic environment. Schemes typically involve the repair and enhancement of historic buildings. This includes appropriate traditional repairs, often using local materials. It can also include the reinstatement of lost architectural features where there is good evidence.

These schemes help protect and enhance the distinct character of Derbyshire's built heritage. This is of increased importance with the growth of the tourism sector as part of Derbyshire's economy. The schemes help promote and utilise traditional building skills. Extensively, this results in the employment of local tradespeople to undertake the work. The outcomes help by contributing to the regeneration of areas to create attractive places where people want to live, work, visit and invest.

It is understood that this will be the last financial year that a dedicated HEGB will be available.

**The Allocation Proposal for 2017-2018**

**i) Conservation Area Partnership Schemes**

**Derwent Valley Conservation Area Grant Scheme**

It is proposed to continue the Derwent Valley Conservation Area Grant Scheme for this final financial year of the HEGB. It is proposed to broadly follow the model of Historic England's grant scheme which has operated for many years in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

This scheme includes the conservation areas of 'Cromford' and 'Belper and Milford', with partnership contributions from Derbyshire Dales District Council and Amber Valley Borough Council.

Partners have confirmed that they are able to provide funding for this year which will give a total budget of £16,000. Whilst this is the final year of the HEGB there is still sufficient work to undertake to positively contribute to the historic character in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

### **Swadlincote Townscape Heritage**

This will be the final year of the Swadlincote Townscape Heritage scheme. The scheme has a project fund of £411,600 over a 4-year period. An annual DCC contribution of £10,000, for each of those four years, was requested by South Derbyshire District Council.

DCC made its first contribution in 2014-15. A further contribution of £10,000 was paid in 2015-16 and then another contribution of £10,000 was paid in 2016-17. This leaves one final contribution of £10,000 to the Swadlincote Townscape Heritage scheme for the current financial year.

### **Bolsover Model Village Heritage Scheme**

The Bolsover Model Village Heritage Scheme has now entered its third year out of a four-year Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Heritage Grant. The scheme is for a comprehensive package of repair and refurbishment works to Bolsover Model Village. The scheme effectively started in the Model Village in 2016 with a total project fund is circa £10.5m.

An annual contribution of £10,000 from DCC was requested by Bolsover District Council for each of the four years of the project. The first contribution of £10,000 was paid in 2015-16 and the second contribution of £10,000 from the HEGB was made in 2016-17. Therefore this leaves two further years of contributions towards the scheme for the current financial year and for 2018-19.

It is recommended that DCC contributes £10,000 for this year of the scheme and creates an earmarked reserve of £10,000 to meet next year's contribution.

## **ii) Archaeological Grants**

### **Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire**

DCC contributes half of the costs of the 'Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire' (ACID) publication, which showcases archaeology and conservation work across Derbyshire, and is a free publication that is widely distributed across the County, including to all secondary schools, and is available from DCC Libraries, the Countryside Service Visitor Centres and

Derbyshire museums. The other half of the publication cost is funded by the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA).

Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee (DAAC) coordinates the publication of ACID and has received a quote for this year's design and printing of £5,000, which includes editing fees, printing, packaging and delivery. DAAC is therefore seeking a contribution of up to £2,500 from DCC. The Peak District National Park Authority has already confirmed it will be contributing the balance of £2,500.

### iii) Other Potential Projects for Funding

As this is the last year of the HEGB, no future projects are being considered.

### iv) Summary of 2017-18 Historic Environment Grants Budget

Conservation Areas	DCC's Annual Contribution (£)	Other Contributions		Total Grant Budget (£)
	<b>40,500</b>			
		Districts, Boroughs and PDNPA (£)	Heritage Lottery Fund/other (£)	
Derwent Valley	8,000	8,000	0	16,000
Bolsover Model Village	10,000	10,000	482,875	502,875
Swadlincote	10,000	10,000	100,000	120,000
<b>Sub-Totals</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>582,875</b>	<b>638,875</b>
Archaeology grants 'ACID'	2,500	2,500	0	5,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>582,875</b>	<b>643,875</b>
Remaining	<b>*10,000.22</b>			

**\*Note:** The remaining grant is to be used to set-up an earmarked reserve to address DCC's commitment to the Bolsover Model Village scheme in 2018-19.

In addition to the contributions set out above, projects invariably include contributions from the private sector, usually the building owners, which are not quantified in the figures given. These represent an additional investment, nevertheless. The monies from these projects are extensively invested in the Derbyshire economy, as well as conserving and improving the County's character.

### (3) Financial Considerations As set out in the report.

(4) **Social Value Consultations** The works that are undertaken as part of these grant schemes improves and conserves the historic character of Derbyshire. This helps to enrich the environment and lives of residents and visitors to Derbyshire. The work is also, on the whole, undertaken by local crafts people helping to support the local economy.

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.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details - Adam Lathbury, extension 39791.

(8) **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member approves:

8.1 The allocation of £8,000 towards the Derwent Valley Mills Conservation Area Partnership scheme between Derbyshire County Council, Amber Valley Borough Council, and Derbyshire Dales District Council, for 2017-18.

8.2 The allocation of £10,000 towards the Swadlincote Townscape Heritage scheme between Derbyshire County Council, South Derbyshire District Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributory partners, for 2017-18.

8.3 The allocation of £10,000 towards Bolsover Model Village Heritage scheme between Derbyshire County Council, Bolsover Borough Council the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributory partners for 2017-18.

8.4 That an earmarked reserve of £10,000 is created to cover Derbyshire County Council's contribution to the Bolsover Model Village Heritage Grant Scheme for 2018-19.

8.5 A £2,500 contribution towards the printing and publication costs of 'Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire'.

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