

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

30 September 2014

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environmental

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS BUDGET

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek the Cabinet Member's approval to allocate the Historic Environment Grants Budget.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The available budget for Derbyshire County Council's Historic Environment Grants for 2014/15 is £56,022.

Derbyshire County Council has used its Historic Environment Grants Budget 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.

The Allocation Proposal for 2014-2015

i) **Previous Approvals**

The following allocation was resolved at the Cabinet Member meeting on 5 August 2014 (Minute No. 127/14 refers):

- Conservation Areas Partnership Schemes
 - Derwent Valley - £10,500 to a total grant budget of £21,000.
 - Swadlincote - £10,000 to a total grant budget of £20,000.

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- Archaeological Grant - £10,000 was earmarked to archaeological grants, £1,830 of which was allocated as a contribution towards the publication of Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire (ACID).

In addition to the approval allocated above, this report seeks approval that an additional £5,500 be allocated to Derwent Valley Partnership Scheme in Conservation Areas (PSiCA). In 2013/14, there was an equivalent allocation but it was not possible to make a grant offer towards a preferred target project in Cromford Market Place within the financial year. However, the contributions of English Heritage and Derbyshire Dales District Council are still available in 2014/15 but they are subject to the County Council's usual contribution being part of the offers and approval by the normal grants committee procedure.

This would increase the financial contribution to the Conservation Area grant schemes in the Derwent Valley, from £10,500 to £16,000 for this financial year.

ii) Revised summary of 2014-15 Historic Environment Grants Budget

Conservation Areas	Derbyshire County Council Annual Contribution (£)	Other Contributions		Total Grant Budget (£)
		Districts (£)	Heritage Lottery Fund/English Heritage (£)	
Derwent Valley	10,500	*10,500	0	21,000
Swadlincote	10,000	10,000	0	20,000
Sub-Totals	20,500	20,500	0	41,000
Archaeology grants	10,000			10,000
Additional allocation to Derwent Valley (Cromford) 2013/4	5,500	5,500	11,000	22,000
Totals	36,000	26,000	11,000	73,000
Unallocated Derbyshire County Council balance	20,022			

* Includes £1,500 from Belper Town Council.

(3) **Financial Considerations** Provision exists within the Conservation and Design Section's Historic Environment Grants budget for 2014/15 to accommodate this extra allocation to secure English Heritage and Derbyshire Dales underspend from last year.

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.

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- (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** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details - Adam Lathbury, extension 39791.
- (7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member approves 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.

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