

Agenda Item No. 4(h)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

7 July 2015

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

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 New Mills Station	New Mills Central 150 Exhibition – Printing costs and materials for staging exhibition	£152
Transpeak Walks	Transpeak Walks 2015-16 Expenses	£1,120

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 budget. The Rail Partnership is obliged under its constitution to follow the financial regulations of its host organisation, Derbyshire County Council, and therefore seeks approval for these grants from the Cabinet Member.

(4) **Legal Considerations** By grant funding, the body 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.

Other Considerations

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.

(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 Environment Department. Officers contact details – Andrew Walker, extension 36730 and Dave Barrett, extension 39774.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the award of grants of:

- £152 to Friends of New Mills Station for New Mills Central 150 Exhibition.
- £1,120 Transpeak Walks for Transpeak Walks 2015-16 expenses.

Mike Ashworth
Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

Appendix - Award of Grants

Name of Recipient: Friends of New Mills Station

Grant Name: New Mills Central 150 Exhibition

Officer Responsible: Andrew Walker

Summary of Purpose: New Mills Central station was opened 150 years ago and the Friends of New Mills Station, led by Derbyshire County Council Councillor Beth Atkins, have a series of events planned in July to celebrate this anniversary. This grant of £152 is a contribution by the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership towards the printing costs and other materials requested by the station volunteers for staging an exhibition in New Mills about the history of the railway and its effect on their community. The Rail Partnership supports the voluntary work of station friends groups on the Buxton, Glossop and Hope Valley railway lines, and also works with train operating companies to improve services and facilities for passengers.

Amount of grant requested: £152

Capital/Revenue: Revenue

Which Budget: High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Time Period: 2015

Name of Recipient: Transpeak Walks 2015-16 Expenses

Grant Name: Transpeak Walks

Officer Responsible: Andrew Walker

Summary of Purpose: A very popular programme of guided walks is organised and led by Transpeak Walks throughout the year on the Buxton, Glossop and Hope Valley railway lines. The walks start and finish at a railway station generating good publicity and helping to increase patronage on the train services by bringing visitors into Derbyshire. The High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership supports the volunteers who run Transpeak Walks with an annual grant to cover their operating costs. The Rail Partnership is chaired by Derbyshire County Council Councillor Damien Greenhalgh and works with community groups and train operating companies to improve services and facilities for passengers.

Amount of grant requested: £1,120

Capital/Revenue: Revenue

Which Budget: High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Time Period: 2015