

Agenda Item No. 4(g)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

7 July 2015

**CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS RUNNING COSTS OF THE TRANS PENNINE
TRAIL OFFICE**

- (1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval to pay the 2015-16 contribution to the running costs of the Trans Pennine Trail Office.
- (2) **Information and Analysis** The Trans Pennine Trail is a recreational and transport route connecting the towns and cities of the North of England with the Peak District National Park. The Trail itself was built and managed by 26 local authorities and governed by a Memorandum of Understanding which the County Council signed up to in August 2010. According to information gathered by the Trans Pennine Trail Central Office, the Trail was used by 1,424,956 people in 2014 and generated a spend in excess of £5 million in the adjoining local economies.

Physical management of the Trail is undertaken by the individual local authorities, but a small central team, based with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, provide general support. Its workload is set out in the Trans Pennine Trail Office Development Strategy 2013-2018 and can be divided up into the following areas of work:

- Promotion and marketing (operating the website and producing publicity material).
- Project resilience (helping local authorities meet the requirements of the initial funding arrangements).
- Support for volunteers (particularly the friends group).
- Research and development (providing evidence of usage and economic impact of the Trail).
- Quality standards (ensuring standards are maintained along the whole length of the Trail).
- Environmental sustainability (assisting local authorities to manage the Trail in a sustainable way and disseminating examples of best practice).

The office is paid for from contributions from the 26 local authorities and the request this year is for £3,535, which is the same as for 2013-14 and 2014-15.

(3) **Financial Considerations** This contribution can be met from the Countryside Service's revenue budget.

Other Considerations

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.

(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 – Chris Coombs, extension 39821.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That approval be given to make a contribution of £3,535 towards the operating costs of the Trans Pennine Trail central office for 2015-16.

Mike Ashworth
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