

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE AND TOURISM** held on 25 March 2019 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor B Lewis

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor R Flatley

06/19 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

07/19 **AWARD TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS – VITAL VALLEY (HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND GREAT PLACE SCHEME)** Approval was sought to award grants to external recipients.

In accordance with Financial Regulations, all grants to external recipients must be approved and a departmental register maintained. Grants were payments of funds for a specific purpose. There was 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 had been received from the following:

Applicant	Works	Suggested Contribution
First Investments Real Estate Ltd (FI)	Building condition survey report for Belper North and East Mill complex	Maximum of £20,000
Belper North Mill Trust (BNMT)	Feasibility and options appraisal report for visitor attraction and development of Belper North Mill Museum through identifying potential funding source and operational requirements, with further consultancy support to implement options from feasibility study for funding sources and operational requirements.	Maximum of £75,000

Specific details of the application for grant were appended to the Strategic Director's report.

Derbyshire County Council, on behalf of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) Partnership, accepted a grant offer from the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF) for a Great Place Scheme in the DVMWHS. The Great Place Scheme included "Old Spaces, Creative Futures" to facilitate a co-ordinated approach to the regeneration of the Belper Mills complex of North and East Mill. The project aimed to develop new ideas for these significant historical buildings in Belper to benefit businesses and residents through a re-development to increase cultural opportunities and secure the economic future of the buildings. The property owners were identified as co-delivery or strategic partners. The NHLF approved these activities in the Great Place Scheme. FI is the property management company for the landowner. BNMT is the operator of the accredited museum housed on part of the site.

DVMWHS sees the condition survey as a key part of facilitating long-term investment in the complex at the heart of the world heritage site.

BNMT and FI were working on a direction for the re-development of the site to continue and enhance the heritage visitor attraction on the site. DVMWHS had agreed with NHLF that an options appraisal was needed to review the viability and form of the visitor offer. DVMWHS, BNMT and FI wanted to enhance the heritage element as part of revitalising this area of Belper. This would involve the existing museum and the developer looking at options for a world class heritage destination in this part of the world heritage site. This study would be commissioned by the BNMT.

Derbyshire County Council accepted the NHLF grant offer of £1,285,800 on 9 June 2017. On 13 September 2016, the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure approved the use of up to a maximum of £150,000 of the DVMWHS Partnership's reserve, as match funding towards the scheme. The grant funding was available until 31 December 2020. Grants could be met from the Vital Valley budget of £95,000 for the Old Spaces, Creative Futures budget.

RESOLVED to approve the award of grants from the accepted National Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £1,285,800 for the 'Vital Valley' Great Place Scheme to:

(1) a maximum of £20,000 to First Investments Real Estate Ltd to undertake a condition survey of the buildings and structures on the North and East Mill site in Belper in accordance with the brief agreed by Historic England, Amber Valley Borough Council and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership ; and

(2) a maximum of £75,000 to Belper North Mill Trust to commission appropriately experienced and qualified consultants to undertake a feasibility and options appraisal report for a World Heritage Site visitor facility on the North and East Mill site in Belper which identified potential funding sources and operational requirements, with further consultancy support to implement actions.