

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEETING**

**1 October 2013**

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL WAY DEVELOPMENT (JOBS, ECONOMY  
AND TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek the Cabinet's approval to add Archaeological Way projects, funded through Limestone Journeys Landscape Partnership, to the capital programme for 2013/2014 and approve expenditure on the delivery of projects.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Highways and Transport on 3 June 2010 (Minute No. 103/10 refers), support was given, in principle, for the redevelopment of the Archaeological Way and a commitment of Officer time to progress the project, subject to a Heritage Lottery bid being successful.

In September 2010, Limestone Journeys Landscape Partnership secured £1.9 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to carry out a programme of environmental and community projects within the Southern Magnesian Limestone Landscape in Derbyshire. Approval was given by the Cabinet Member – Highways and Transport, on 9 August 2011, for Derbyshire County Council and Bolsover Countryside Partnership (BCP) to sign the Limestone Journeys Joint Working Agreement (Minute no.156/11 refers). The HLF grant and overall delivery of the programme will be delivered, in practice, by a number of partners including Derbyshire County Council and the BCP. Limestone Journeys is now in its third year and the scheme is due to be completed in December 2015.

The Archaeological Way is the largest project within Limestone Journeys and is aiming to create an 11 mile (18.5 km) walking and cycling trail between Pleasley Pit Country Park and Creswell Crags.

The proposal is aligned with the strategic developments and key principles identified within the East Derbyshire Greenways Strategy and the Rights of Way Improvement Plan, adopted by Derbyshire County Council and will promote and enhance recreation, tourism and the visitor economy in the area.

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Third year Archaeological Way projects are to include tree clearance works on the Langwith Branch Line and other initial works on the routes identified through Shirebrook Town and Poulter Country Park. This work will be funded through an HLF grant allocation of £34,160.

These works are deemed to be capital in nature and, therefore, need to be added to the 2013/2014 capital programme.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the capital works attributed to the HLF grant will not exceed £34,160 and is 100% funded through HLF Limestone Journeys grant, administered by Creswell Heritage Trust.

(4) **Environmental and Health Considerations** The redevelopment of the Archaeological Way will enhance the greenway network, contribute to the sustainable transport offer, and promote recreation and tourism within Derbyshire.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, 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** Report to the Cabinet Member – Highways and Transport, Redevelopment of the Archaeological Way (A Recreational Route and Promoted Footpath) dated 3 June 2010, (Minute No. 103/10 refers). Report to Cabinet Member – Highways and Transport, Limestone Journeys Joint Working Agreement (Minute No.156/11 refers). Officer contact details – Andy Heath, Extension 33022.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That Cabinet:

8.1 Agrees to the redevelopment of the Archaeological Way being included in the 2013/2014 Capital Programme.

8.2 Approves expenditure up to the value of £34,160 for tree clearance works and other initial works identified on the Langwith Branch Line, Shirebrook Town and Poulter Country Park routes, to be 100% funded from the Heritage Lottery Fund Limestone Journeys grant.

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