

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

3 December 2013

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DERWENT VALLEY MILLS
WORLD HERITAGE SITE TEAMS (JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek Cabinet approval for the transfer of the Economic Regeneration and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) teams and associated staff and budgets from the Health and Community Safety and Culture and Community Services Departments retrospectively, to Environmental Services.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Economic growth and regeneration will be a key focus in the new Council Plan as set out in the Labour Manifesto 2013 “A fair deal for Derbyshire”. A central pledge is “A Derbyshire that works – building a strong economy that creates jobs, grows businesses and provides a future for our young people”.

A report of the Chief Executive, approved by Cabinet on 12 November 2013 (Minute No. 314/13 refers), determined new organisation structures which would best deliver the Council's priorities, including this key commitment to economic growth. To stimulate economic recovery and boost the visitor economy in the County, it is considered that there are significant benefits in bringing together the skills and expertise in the Economic Regeneration and the DVMWHS teams with the highways management, transportation, planning, conservation, design, land reclamation professionals. There are also benefits to strengthening links between those staff involved in tourism promotion in the Regeneration Team and with those workers on the DVMWHS promotion, with staff in the Countryside Service, who contributes to the visitor economy. It is recommended, therefore, that the Economic Regeneration team and DVMWHS teams are transferred from the Health and Community Safety Department and Cultural and Community Services Department respectively, under the responsibility of the Acting Strategic Director, Environmental Services to better exploit the synergies between the range of disciplines to make a positive contribution to economic growth. The proposed

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restructure also aligns strategically with the responsibilities of the Jobs, Economy and Transport portfolio.

(3) **Financial Considerations** It is proposed to vire both the Economic Regeneration and DVMWHS budgets in their entirety from the Health and Community Safety Department and Cultural and Community Services Department respectively to Environmental Services as appropriate.

(4) **Human Resources Considerations** Employees within the Economic Regeneration team and DVMWHS teams have been consulted regarding the transfer to Environmental Services, this will continue as appropriate to ensure that the transition is effective.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, 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** None. Officer contact details – Julie Musgrove, extension 38132

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

8.1 The transfer of responsibility for the Economic Regeneration and Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site teams from Health and Community Safety Department and Cultural and Community Services Department respectively, to the Environmental Services Department.

8.2 The virement of the Economic Regeneration and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site budgets from the Strategic Director of Health and Community Safety and Strategic Director of Cultural and Community Services to the Acting Strategic Director of Environmental Services as appropriate.

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