

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

3 March 2015

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PEDAL PEAK DISTRICT – ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO SUPPORT CYCLING
IN NATIONAL PARKS (HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE)**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek Cabinet approval for the acceptance of a further Government grant from the Department for Transport (DfT) for the Pedal Peak II Project to encourage cycling in and around the Peak District National Park.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Derbyshire County Council is the lead authority managing the Pedal Peak II Project. The original total value of the scheme was £7.5 million which comprised £5 million of grant money from the DfT and a further £2.5 million in contributions from the project partners (Peak District National Park Authority, Staffordshire County Council, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Sheffield City Council). The County Council's contribution to the scheme costs for the Derbyshire element is £1.5 million and is funded from the Local Transport Plan 2010-11.

The grant offer was made in August 2013 and Cabinet approved the acceptance of the grant for the Project and its addition to the Highways and Transport Capital Programme at its meeting of 10 September 2013 and agreed to act as the accountable body for the administration of the grant (Minute No. 226/13 refers). At the Cabinet Meeting held on 20 January 2015, approval was given to accept an addition £1.5 million from DfT which increased the value of the Project within the Capital Programme to £8 million, made up of the £6.5 million grant and Derbyshire's own contribution of £1.5 million (the partners are responsible for accounting for their own contributions).

The Cabinet report of 20 January did note that there could be yet another opportunity to bid in for some surplus capital grant available from the DfT very soon and that has been the case. As a result, the County Council submitted a bid on behalf of the County Council and the Peak District National Park Authority (which cannot bid in its own right as it is not a Highway Authority) and has been successful in getting more funding for two schemes: to deliver a highway improvement scheme to build a shared use cycle path along the A6

in Matlock between the Sainsbury's roundabout and the Arc Leisure Centre, which will provide a valuable new connection onto the proposed new Monsal Trail extension down into Matlock, and also to provide additional money to support the National Park's Cycle Friendly Places Grant fund that awards grants to organisations and businesses to improve facilities for cycling. The value of the additional grant that has been awarded is £430,200. Match funding of £30,000 has been identified using an existing related scheme within the 2013-14 Local Transport Plan programme.

Approval is therefore being sought to accept the grant offer and increase the Pedal Peak II Project budget by a further £430,200.

(3) **Financial Considerations** There will be no impact on the existing budget for the County Council. The details are as contained within the body of the report.

(4) **Equality and Diversity, Environmental, Health and Transport Considerations** Cycling has benefits across a wide range of Council objectives relating to healthy travel, accessibility and environmental sustainability.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, human resources and property 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 Economy, Transport and Environment. Officer contact details – Claire O'Reilly, extension 39652.

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

8.1 Approves the acceptance of a grant offer of £430,200 from the Department for Transport for the Pedal Peak II Project.

8.2 Approves the increase in the Capital Programme for the Pedal Peak II Project from £8 million to £8.430 million.

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