

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEETING**

**6 November 2012**

Report of the Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL WAY REDEVELOPMENT (HIGHWAYS AND  
TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek Cabinet's approval to include Archaeological Way projects, funded through the Limestone Journeys (Heritage Lottery Funded) Landscape Partnership, in the capital programme for 2012 – 2013 and to approve expenditure on delivery of the 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 commitment of officer time to progress the project, as part of Limestone Journeys, subject to a Heritage Lottery Fund bid being successful.

In September 2010, Limestone Journeys secured £1.9 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to carry out a programme of environmental improvements 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 are being administered by Creswell Heritage Trust and 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 second 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 miles (18.5 km) multi-user 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.

Second year Archaeological Way projects include works to resurface 124 metres of path to connect Pleasley village to the Meden Trail and to provide costed designs to support the external funding bids outlined above. This work will be 100% funded through the HLF Limestone Journeys grant up to the sum of £26,294.

These works are deemed to be capital in nature and, therefore, need to be included in the 2012 – 2013 Capital Programme.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the capital works will not exceed £ 26,294 and is 100% funded through the HLF Limestone Journeys grant, administered by Creswell Heritage Trust.

(4) **Environmental and Health Considerations** The Archaeological Way redevelopment programme will improve the network of opportunities for sustainable transport and recreation in 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 2012 – 2013 Capital Programme.

8.2 Approves expenditure up to the value of £26,294 for resurfacing work adjacent to Pleasley village (to improve the connection to the Meden Trail) and to support design time for capital schemes that assist the future delivery of the Archaeological Way, to be totally funded from the Heritage Lottery Fund Limestone Journeys grant.

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