

Agenda Item No. 3(b)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE
AND TOURISM**

11 December 2020

Report of the Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE GREAT PLACE
SCHEME EXTENSION OF TIME**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek the Cabinet Member's approval to extend the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) Great Place Scheme until 30 June 2021.

(2) **Information and Analysis** On 8 June 2017, Derbyshire County Council, on behalf of the DVMWHS Partnership, accepted a grant of £1,285,800 towards the Great Place scheme.

The Great Place Scheme is a programme of 20 projects running in the DVMWHS and is jointly funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) and Arts Council England (ACE). The total value of the Great Place Scheme is £1,486,768. A sum of £150,000 of match funding for the Great Place Scheme is from the DVMWHS Partnership reserve that is held by the County Council.

The Great Place Scheme was initially scheduled for completion by the end of December 2020. The Great Place Scheme was envisaged as a three-year programme of projects, with by far the greatest level of delivery taking place in the final year. Unfortunately, Coronavirus (COVID-19) has significantly impacted on this delivery. As a result, the NLHF, which administers the grant funding on behalf of itself and ACE, has granted an extension to the scheme until 30 June 2021.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The NLHF and ACE grant offer of £1,285,800 was accepted by Cabinet on 8 June 2017 (Minute No. 185/17 refers). On 13 September 2016, the Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and Infrastructure approved the use of up to a maximum of £150,000 the DVMWHS Partnership's reserve, as match funding towards the scheme if the bid to the NLHF and ACE was successful (Minute No:105/16 refers).

No additional financial resources are required to extend the Great Place Scheme until 30 June 2021.

(4) **Human Resources Considerations** The DVMWHS Great Place Scheme funds one Project Officer and one Project Assistant. Both positions are on fixed term contracts scheduled to finish at the end of December 2020. The Project Officer has recently left the County Council. It is suggested that the project assistant post is extended to the end of March 2021. The salary for this extension can be funded from contingencies within the Great Place Scheme. Beyond this date, it is suggested that the core DVMWHS Coordination Team oversees the remaining elements of work until 30 June 2021 when the Great Place Scheme will finish.

(5) **Social Value Considerations** The project supports the corporate purpose, vision and values of Derbyshire County Council, as laid out in the Council Plan it also supports the delivery of actions set out in the UK Government's latest iteration of the DVMWHS Management Plan (2020-2025), including actions under aim 4: Enhance the social wellbeing of the DVMWHS communities and maximise the benefits of the site's cultural value at a local, regional national and international level.

Other Considerations

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.

(6) **Key Decision** No.

(7) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(8) **Background Papers** None.

(9) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member:

9.1 Approves the extension of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) Great Place Scheme until 30 June 2021.

9.2 Notes the extension of the project assistant post to end of March 2021.

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