

Agenda Item No. 3(c)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

11 December 2020

Report of the Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS – VITAL VALLEY

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek the Cabinet Member's approval to award grants to external recipients. This is part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) Great Place Scheme (Vital Valley).

(2) **Information and Analysis** In accordance with Financial Regulations, all grants to external recipients must be approved and a departmental register maintained. Grants are payments of funds for a specific purpose. Examples include contributions towards an external party's core running costs, purchase or construction of specified assets, and the running of specific events.

There is now also a requirement under the Local Government Transparency Code 2014, to publish information on grants awarded to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations.

Derbyshire County Council, on behalf of the DVMWHS Partnership, accepted a grant offer from the Heritage Lottery Fund (now the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)) for a Great Place Scheme in the DVMWHS.

The Great Place Scheme includes the 'New Access Solutions Improving Accessibility' project to improve the accessibility of the World Heritage Site for people with disabling conditions, their families, friends and companions either living in or visiting in the area. This will improve the experience of the DVMWHS for everyone, encouraging people with disabilities to visit as they have a more welcoming experience that caters for their needs. New Access Solutions had a total grant pot of £55,000 made up of £49,500 NLHF monies and £4,500 contribution from DVMWHS reserves. A sum of £9,120 has already been spent from the NLHF grant of £55,000.

The proposed awards, set out below, will enable sites and operatives within the DVMWHS to provide improved access and experiences for people to engage with the DVMWHS.

Applicant	Works	Suggested Contribution
Accessible Derbyshire	Accessibility equipment for heritage sites and community venues in the DVMWHS	Maximum of £9,744
The Arkwright Society	Accessibility pre-information and online accessibility information	Maximum of £7,500
Cromford Community Centre Association	Provide Changing Places toilet and building access improvements	Maximum of £7,500
Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service	Accessibility improvements at High Peak Junction	Maximum of £1,000
Friends of Darley Open Spaces	Sensory planting and works to enhance experience of historic garden area in Darley Park	Maximum of £1,000
Derby City Council	Mobility scooter charging point in Darley Park	Maximum of £500
Total		£27,244

Specific details of the application for grants can be found in Appendix A attached.

The DVMWHS Coordination Team recommend this list to coordinate improvements for a wide range of visitor needs based on Accessibility Audits at heritage sites and community venues in the DVMWHS.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The grants will be funded from the DVMWHS Great Place Scheme. The Great Place Scheme is jointly supported by the NLHF and the Arts Council England through a grant of £1,285,800 which Derbyshire County Council accepted on 9 June 2017, on behalf of the DVMWHS Partnership.

Prior to this on 13 September 2016, the Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and Infrastructure approved use of the DVMWHS Partnership's reserve (up to a maximum of £150,000) as match funding towards the Great Place Scheme (Minute No.150/16 refers). This provides the Great Place Scheme with a total budget of £1,486,768. The Great Place Scheme was to run until 31 December 2020, however, the team has been notified that an extension has been approved to the Scheme to 30 June 2021. Grant funding for the Scheme is claimed retrospectively against costs incurred on a quarterly basis. The Great Place Scheme consists of 20 projects. After this expenditure, £18,636 will remain in the 'New Access Solutions Improving Accessibility' project.

(4) **Legal Considerations** By grant funding, the applicant will not be contractually obliged to deliver any particular service but is required to provide

the accessibility measures outlined above; the Council may be able to claw back grant if it is unspent or misapplied.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value 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** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the award of grants from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Great Place Scheme in relation to:

- Maximum of £9,744 to Accessible Derbyshire;
- Maximum of £7,500 to The Arkwright Society;
- Maximum of £7,500 to Cromford Community Centre Association;
- Maximum of £1,000 to Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service;
- Maximum of £1,000 to The Friends of Darley Open Spaces; and
- Maximum of £500 to Derby City Council.

Signed..... Dated.....

Tim Gregory
Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

Appendix - Award of Grants

Name of Recipient: Accessible Derbyshire

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site: New Access Solutions
Improving Accessibility – DVMWHS Equipment

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures to assist heritage sites and community venues to improve accessibility for visitors. The measures will enable organisations to support the DVMWHS and provide venues for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage.
Amount of grant requested: £9,744
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DVMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020/21

Name of Recipient: The Arkwright Society

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site: New Access Solutions
Improving Accessibility – Pre Visit Information

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures to provide improved pre-visit information for the Cromford Hub (Cromford Mill, Cromford wharf, Cromford Canal, High Peak Junction, Leawood Pump House and Cromford village) to include accessibility and COVID-19 secure visitor information to support the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.
Amount of grant requested: £7,500
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DVMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020/21

Name of Recipient: Cromford Community Centre Association

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site: New Access Solutions
Improving Accessibility – Changing Places

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures to provide a Changing Places/accessible toilet and building access improvements at Cromford Community Centre. The measures will enable organisations to support the DVMWHS and provide venues for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage that support visitor needs of a wide range of people.
Amount of grant requested: £7,500
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DVMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020/21

Name of Recipient: Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site: New Access Solutions
Improving Accessibility – High Peak Junction Accessibility

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures to improve accessibility at High Peak Junction for visitors to support the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.
Amount of grant requested: £1,000
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DVMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020/21

Name of Recipient: Friends of Darley Open Spaces

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site: New Access Solutions
Improving Accessibility – Sensory Planting

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures to provide sensory planting and works to enhance experience of historic garden area in Darley Park. The measures will enable opportunities for people with a range of needs to experience the heritage of Darley Park.
Amount of grant requested: £1,000
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DWMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020/21

Name of Recipient: Derby City Council

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site: New Access Solutions
Improving Accessibility – Mobility improvements

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures to provide a mobility scooter charging point in Darley Park. The measures will enable opportunities for people to experience the heritage of Darley Park.
Amount of grant requested: £500
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DWMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020/21