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21 October 2015

To: All Councillors

As a Member or Substitute of the **Community & Environment Committee**, please treat this as your summons to attend the meeting on **Thursday 29 October 2015 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sandra Lamb'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S'.

Sandra Lamb
Head of Corporate Services

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Please advise Democratic Services on 01629 761133 or e-mail committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk of any apologies for absence and substitute arrangements.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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3. INTERESTS

Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any interests they may have in subsequent agenda items in accordance with the District Council's Code of Conduct. Those interests are matters that relate to money or that which can be valued in money, affecting the Member her/his partner, extended family and close friends.

Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

4. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE OF PROCEDURE NUMBER 15

To answer questions from Members who have given the appropriate notice.

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5. PLANNING APPEALS – LAND AT WHEELDON WAY, HULLAND WARD AND LAND OFF PARK LANE, TWO DALES

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To consider a report that advises that appeals have been lodged against the refusal of outline planning permission for residential developments Wheeldon Way, Hulland Ward (Application 14/00698/OUT) and Park Lane, Two Dales (Application 14/00480/OUT). The District Council does not make any budgetary provision for appeal costs arising from its planning decisions and authority is sought to fund this expenditure from the General Reserve.

6. DERBYSHIRE DALES ECONOMIC PLAN

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To consider a report on the progress of the Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan, originally adopted in September 2014, to take forward Members' economic development priority.

Members of the Committee - Councillors Jason Atkin, Jennifer Bower, Richard Bright, Sue Bull, Martin Burfoot, Albert Catt, Ann Elliott, Susan Hobson, Vicky Massey, Tony Morley, Joyce Pawley, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose, OBE, Andrew Statham (Vice Chairman), Colin Swindell, Philippa Tilbrook, Jo Wild (Chairman)

Substitutes - Councillors Deborah Botham, Phil Chell, David Chapman, Tom Donnelly, Richard FitzHerbert, Steve Flitter, Alyson Hill, Neil Horton, Angus Jenkins, Tony Millward, BEM, Jean Monks, Garry Purdy, Irene Ratcliffe, Mark Salt, Jacque Stevens, John Tibenham

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
29 OCTOBER 2015

Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

PLANNING APPEALS - LAND AT WHEELDON WAY, HULLAND WARD AND LAND OFF PARK LANE, TWO DALES

SUMMARY

The report advises Members that appeals have been lodged against the refusal of outline planning permission for residential developments at Wheeldon Way, Hulland Ward (Application 14/00698/OUT) and Park Lane, Two Dales (Application 14/00480/OUT). The Wheeldon Way appeal is to be determined by Informal Hearing in January 2016 and the Park Lane appeal is to be determined by Written Representations also in January 2016. The report outlines the options available to the District Council in defending these appeals and recommends preferred options for each.

The District Council does not make any budgetary provision for appeal costs arising from its planning decisions and therefore authority is sought to fund this expenditure from the General Reserve

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Committee endorses the approach outlined in Section 4 of the report.
2. That Council be recommended to authorise expenditure of up to £45,000 from the General Reserve and that this expenditure into consideration in calculating the revised budget estimates for 2015/16.

WARDS AFFECTED

Hulland and Darley Dale

STRATEGIC LINK

The District Council aims to lead the communities of the Derbyshire Dales and provide excellent services. The proposed action reflects the Council's corporate aims as stated in the 2015/2016 Corporate Plan.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 13 February 2015 outline planning permission was refused for residential development of up to 48 dwellings on land at Wheeldon Way, Hulland Ward (Application 14/00698/OUT). The reason for refusal was as follows:

'The proposed development would constitute an unsustainable expansion of the settlement of Hulland Ward. It would result in harmful encroachment into the

countryside detrimental to its character and appearance and the character and appearance of the settlement. As such the proposal is contrary to Policies SF4 and NBE8 of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (2005) and guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework’.

1.2 An appeal has been lodged against the District Council’s refusal of planning permission and the Council is due to submit its statement of case by 13 November 2015.

1.3 On 10 September 2015 outline planning permission was refused for residential development of up to 13 dwellings on land at Park Lane, Two Dales (Application 15/00480/OUT). The reason for refusal was as follows:

‘The proposed development will result in the loss of an attractive green field site which helps to both frame the settlement and also appears prominently in views out of the settlement to the wooded hillside of Hallmoor Wood beyond. The residential development of this field would be an intrusion into the countryside that will have an adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the landscape and the setting of the settlement. The adverse impacts of the development are considered to significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits and the proposal is considered contrary to Policies SF5 and NBE8 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan and guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework’.

1.4 An appeal has been lodged against the District Council’s refusal of planning permission and the Council is due to submit its statement of case by 18 November 2015.

2 NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY CONTEXT

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) outlines the policy position of Central Government which is to ‘...boost significantly the supply of housing’. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury has reaffirmed this position stating that a ‘radical building policy was necessary over the longer term’ and that as a nation we need to be providing 250,000 to 300,000 homes per annum. There is therefore, a very clear expectation that there will be a significant increase in house building activity and the NPPF is increasingly being seen as the policy mechanism to achieve this.

2.2 In order to achieve this objective, Paragraph 47 of the NPPF states that:

- a) Local Planning Authorities should meet the full objectively assessed needs (OAN) for market and affordable housing; and
- b) Provide 5 years supply of housing against their housing requirements with an additional buffer of 5% (or 20% where there has been a record of persistent under delivery).

2.3 Since the publication of the NPPF in March 2012, there has been a plethora of appeal cases on the interpretation of key provisions within the NPPF, most notably what is actually meant by Paragraph 47. In December 2013, the Court of Appeal provided a substantive judgement on this issue and gave a “definitive answer to the proper interpretation of paragraph 47”. The effect of this is that paragraph 47 requires that:

- a) A local planning authority must ensure that it meets the full objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing, and that;

- b) Where there is no Local Plan, then the housing requirement for a local authority for the purposes of paragraph 47 is the full, objectively assessed need.

2.4 Where the District Council is unable to demonstrate a 5 year housing supply the key issues to be considered are those contained in paragraph 14 of the NPPF, which requires planning authorities to grant permission unless:

- Any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the framework taken as a whole;
- Specific policies in the framework indicate development should be restricted.

3 APPEAL CONTEXT

3.1 The following points are relevant in considering both these appeals against the current policy position:

- a) Based on the findings of Inspector Holland, who conducted 2 days of the Examination in Public of the draft Derbyshire Dales Local Plan in July 2014 the full OAN was estimated as at least 6500 dwellings;
- b) The District Council is not currently able to demonstrate a 5 year housing supply having regard to the need to address historic under provision and the backlog that results from this;
- c) In the absence of a 5 year supply, there is a policy presumption in favour of granting planning permission unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of providing land for housing.
- d) There is no policy presumption against the development of green field sites in the NPPF. The fact that a site may have a degree of landscape impact is not in itself sufficient to outweigh the need to provide land for housing.
- e) The landscape harm arising from the development of the appeal sites was assessed by Planning Officers and was not considered in either case to be sufficient to recommend refusal.
- f) The landscape harm in respect of the Wheeldon Way application has been assessed by the Council's Independent Landscape expert who also considered it not to be sufficient on its own to sustain the reason for refusal.
- g) In light of recent Court of Appeal judgements, Local Plan Policy SF4 is considered to be out of date pursuant to the operation of paragraph 49 of the NPPF and cannot be relied upon to defend the decision that has been made. Accordingly, the presumption in favour of development applies (NPPF paragraph 14)

3.2 Taking all of these matters into account officers believe that it will be very difficult to successfully defend either of these appeals and that there is a strong possibility of an adverse award of substantial costs against the District Council.

4 APPROACH TO APPEAL DETERMINATION

4.1 The two appeals considered here are to be determined by different methods. The Wheeldon Way appeal is to be determined by an Informal Hearing and the Park Lane appeal by Written Representations. As such it is necessary to consider the options available to the District Council separately.

Wheeldon Way, Hulland Ward

4.2 As this appeal is to be determined by an Informal Hearing the usual way of defending the appeal would be for an officer to represent the District Council to explain the reasoning behind the reason for refusal. However, in this case the officer recommendation was that the application should be approved. Officers are now in a position where the decision and the reason for that decision run contrary to their opinion that the application should have been approved and they are therefore unable to defend this appeal. As such the options now available to the District Council are:

- Not defending the appeal and suggesting to the applicant that the scheme be resubmitted;
- Seeking a Member nomination to head the defence of the appeal;
- Seeking a consultant to act on the District Council's behalf at the appeal.

4.3 The District Council's Landscape Consultant has already been approached about this appeal and has indicated that he is unable to accept the commission as he agrees with officers' opinion that the reasons for refusal are unlikely to succeed. As such it is recommended that a Member be nominated to head the appeal on behalf of the District Council with support being provided by a member of the Council's Legal team.

Park Lane, Two Dales

4.4 As this appeal is to be determined by Written Representations the usual method of defence would be for an officer to prepare a Statement of Case and submit it to the Inspector on behalf of the District Council. However, in this case the officer recommendation was that the application should be approved and officers do not believe that they can provide a credible case to defend the decision. As such the options available to the District Council are:

- Not defending the appeal;
- Seeking a Member nomination to produce the Statement of Case;
- Seeking a consultant to produce the Statement of Case on behalf of the District Council.

4.5 In this case officers consider that it may be possible to source a planning consultant to act on the District Council's behalf and as such it is recommended that this line of defence is used. If no planning consultant can be found it may be necessary to return to a Member nomination to produce the Statement of Case.

4.6 In order to defend the District Council's position in these appeals it is considered necessary to make financial provision to cover the costs of the Council's consultants and to deal with the possibility of an adverse award of costs. A total budget of up to £45,000 is therefore required to be funded from the General Reserve for the two appeals.

5 RISK ASSESSMENT

5.1 Legal

For the reasons outlined in the report and in regard to the professional advice received, the lack of a demonstrable supply of housing for the next 5 years, places the District Council as Planning Authority at high risk of adverse costs in defending an appeal which may be indefensible. For commercial reasons the alternative approach seeks to minimise the financial burden on the public purse. Whilst there are no other third party rights to appeal the decision not to defend may be medium to high risk in terms of the Council's reputation. However on balance the legal risk is considered to be low.

5.2 Financial

There is no budgetary provision for appeal costs arising from the District Council's planning decisions. It will, therefore, be necessary to fund the Council's expenditure from the General Reserve and take into consideration this expenditure in calculating the revised budget estimates for 2015/2016. The financial risk is assessed as medium.

6 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

7 CONTACT INFORMATION

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8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Planning Application 14/00698/OUT
Planning Application 15/00480/OUT

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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
29 OCTOBER 2015

Report of the Head of Regeneration and Policy

DERBYSHIRE DALES ECONOMIC PLAN

SUMMARY

To report progress on the Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan, originally adopted in September 2014, to take forward Members' economic development priority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Progress delivering the Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan 2014-2019 is noted
2. Actions are brought back to Members for consideration as appropriate for implementing the Plan
3. Next steps as set out in the report are agreed
4. Council be recommended to approve the planned expenditure of the Economic Development Reserve.

WARDS AFFECTED

All

STRATEGIC LINK

Economic development is highlighted in the District Council's Corporate Plan 2015/16, in which one of the two improvement priorities is to *Increase business growth and job creation*. The Community Strategy envisages that the Peak District will have high-wage, high-skill jobs. The Economic Plan aligns with priorities in the *Business Peak District Concordat Agreement* which the District Council has signed.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan was adopted in September 2014. It is based on the workshop held with district councillors in June 2014, and it reflects the pressing requirement for more higher-value jobs in the Dales.
- 1.2 The Economic Plan is a response to clear evidence of economic need in the Derbyshire Dales, resulting from the low pay and low-skilled jobs that characterise the district. The facts are stark:

DERBYSHIRE DALES ECONOMY

- Earnings in the Dales are among the lowest in Derbyshire – the average wage is £364 per week (county average £372 per week)
- Dependency on the public sector (the largest employer locally) is high

- Manufacturing is also critical (13% of jobs) – but there is a shortage of modern workspace
- Tourism accounts for 7% of employment, but pays wages typically half the average of all sectors
- 91% of businesses are microbusinesses (<10 employees) – there is a need for more to grow
- Relative to urban areas, rural broadband speeds are poor

1.3 The facts point to a clear need for:

- **More higher-paid jobs in local businesses**
- **Better rural broadband**
- **More (modern) workspace / employment sites**

1.4 The Economic Plan links with wider economic strategies including those of D2N2, Sheffield City Region, Derby & Derbyshire, Enterprise Peak District, and Business Peak District. Whilst the Plan has a local flavour, it is careful to respond to these existing strategies in order to bring Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) activity to our area where beneficial.

1.5 The Economic Plan highlights the following three key **sectors** for the Dales:

- Manufacturing, incl. advanced manufacturing and food & drink manufacturing
- Knowledge-based and creative industries
- Visitor economy

and five key **employment sites**:

- Ashbourne Airfield
- Cawdor Quarry, Matlock
- Riverside Business Park, Bakewell
- Halldale Quarry, Matlock
- Middleton Road, Wirksworth.

1.6 The Economic Development and Tourism service has 2.5 FTE permanent employees and a 1.0 FTE temporary employee (to March 2016), plus support from the Head of Regeneration and Policy. Corporate coordination is provided by the Place Shaping Hub, which reports quarterly to the Corporate Leadership Team.

1.7 The activity undertaken under the Economic Plan is focused on the following priority themes. Each is updated below, with progress in the past year highlighted and next steps proposed.

1. **Employment sites**
2. **Business engagement**
3. **Derbyshire Dales Business Advice**
4. **Enterprise Peak District partnership projects**
5. **Visitor Economy**

2 EMPLOYMENT SITES

Ashbourne Airfield Extension

- 2.1 Securing a second access (off the A52) and link road to open up a further 8ha of employment land at Ashbourne Airfield Industrial Estate remains the top priority. Members will recall from previous reports that the project has received a Growth Deal allocation of £1m from D2N2 LEP for 2016/17. Release of this funding is subject to detailed appraisal of the project (a two stage process).
- 2.2 As the site is within private ownership (FW Harrison Ltd.), independent legal advice has been sought over the summer on key aspects of the project including State Aid and procurement. Working closely with the County Council (as the Highways Authority), a proposed way forward has now been identified and County Council officers are in the process of discussing the approach with their Members (an update will be provided at the Committee meeting).
- 2.3 Next steps: a detailed planning application for the new link road (the new access already has detailed planning permission) is anticipated imminently. Work on the stage 1 submission – a joint effort between the District Council, County Council and landowner – is underway for submission later in the autumn. The intention is to complete stage 2 in early 2016 to enable funding to be released and a start on site in 2016/17.

Site Appraisals

- 2.4 With support from Thomas Lister Ltd. the District Council is undertaking a more detailed appraisal of other 'stalled' priority development sites within the district. The purpose of this work is to establish future prospects for employment and housing development on these sites, and interventions necessary to support delivery, either through LEP / HCA funded opportunities or a Local Growth Fund established by the Council (or mixture of the two). The work has focused on: Halldale Quarry and Cawdor Quarry, Matlock; Middleton Road, Wirksworth and Bakewell Riverside. These sites benefit from existing planning permissions/allocations, yet despite this have remained undeveloped for many years by their private sector owners.
- 2.5 From the work to date it is becoming clear that emerging proposals for sites within the Derbyshire Dales planning area, and current mix of uses proposed, are unlikely to meet with the District Council's employment (and in some cases affordable housing) objectives for these sites. It is also apparent that plans to bring forward these sites are at varying stages, so at this point it is difficult to identify clear (public sector) interventions that will enable delivery. These issues have been raised with landowners / developers during discussions as part of this work with a view to maintaining an ongoing dialogue to better align both parties' aspirations for the sites.

- 2.6 Next steps: the current position means that at this stage, officers are not in a position to recommend more detailed consideration of a Local Growth Fund at present. However, officers continue to press for external funds to be made available to support the remediation and delivery of these smaller brownfield sites e.g. through proposed Combined Authority ‘asks’.

3 BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

- 3.1 The District Council’s first ever round of Business Forums, held in March 2015, were attended by some 65 business representatives. The purpose of these forums is to:
- increase awareness of the District Council’s Economic Development priorities and support role;
 - identify business needs and barriers to growth and increase dialogue with the District Council on these issues;
 - increase awareness of current initiatives and programmes to support Dales businesses.
- 3.2 Next steps: the next round is due to be held on 10 / 17 / 25 November in Ashbourne, Bakewell and Matlock. The programme will include a short workshop on a current topic of relevance to local businesses, and will allow time for business networking.
- 3.3 The circulation list for *businessMATTERS*, the District Council’s e-newsletter has now reached 180. Normally issued on a monthly basis, the newsletter provides information on funding, training and other opportunities for local businesses. As an example, the August edition was used to promote a recent business funding workshop held by the District Council to promote rural development grants available in the area (see below), which was attended by 40 businesses. Next steps: future editions will include further promotion of the Better Business Regulation initiative, backed by the District Council, and supporting businesses by making business regulations (including: Health & Safety; Food Safety; Waste; Licensing; Planning and Environmental Health) easier to access and understand.
- 3.4 Visits to larger companies in the Dales by members of the Corporate Leadership Team continue (to the 14 firms with 100 or more employees). This is helping to develop relationships with significant local employers. Wider benefits include an increase in take up of corporate leisure memberships.
- 3.5 To help service investment enquiries the Economic Development team has produced an investment brochure (www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/services-business/investing-in-the-derbyshire-dales), previously made available to all Members and investment pack. Next steps: this is being developed further with information on funding opportunities and individual sites.
- 3.6 A business survey has been undertaken to help establish the future land and premises requirements of Dales businesses. The results show a need for more modern employment workspace (especially smaller units). This has

been a useful exercise and it is proposed to run further surveys of local businesses to identify needs on a more regular basis.

4 DERBYSHIRE DALES BUSINESS ADVICE (DDBA)

- 4.1 Additional funding was secured from D2N2 in the summer to extend the District Council-funded, two day a week, service to become a five day a week service until the end of March 2016. The value of this free, independent, face to face advice is borne out by results. The service continues to provide valuable support with some 565 businesses assisted and 323 jobs created by these businesses since DDBA started in December 2011.
- 4.2 Next steps: EU funding bids are currently being progressed with partners with a view to securing external funding to maintain a full time service for a further three years from April 2016, as part of the LEP Growth Hubs.

5 ENTERPRISE PEAK DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

- 5.1 Members will recall (Corporate Committee, 20 March 2014) approving a co-ordinated package of Peak District partnership projects that would benefit the Derbyshire Dales. Delivery of this *Enterprise Peak District* package is overseen by Business Peak District who continue to champion the needs of local businesses.
- 5.2 EU funding provides an opportunity to progress projects identified within the package. Although EU programmes have been significantly delayed, work has been ongoing to identify match funding opportunities against funds earmarked within the Economic Development Reserve and to progress first stage funding bids. Further details are provided in section 7.
- 5.3 Next steps with key strands of the programme (not already covered):
- *Inspired by the Peak District* brand – 260 Peak District businesses are now signed up and the brand has been promoted at various events including the Bakewell Baking Festival. The key now is to encourage more businesses to actively use this brand in their marketing and promotional activity, via resources which are the subject of an EU funding bid.
 - Access to Finance – due, in a large part to the practical support provided by the District Council's DDBA business advisor, 24 Derbyshire Dales businesses secured grants totalling £488,000 from the Global Derbyshire Business Support programme.
- Looking forward, Defra hosted a national event to formally mark the launch of the LEADER programme on 14 October. The Peak LEADER programme is scheduled to launch on 18 November, offering grants to small businesses. A significant pipeline of Dales projects has been developed. However, national delays in finalising the programme could endanger some of these projects.
- Supply Chain events – working with partners, over the summer the Derbyshire Dales Business Advisor organised and ran a series of 'learn to pitch' and showcase events for Peak District businesses within the

manufacturing and engineering sectors. The winter programme of business events is now being developed.

- Broadband – promoting take-up of the Broadband Connection Voucher scheme (extended to Derbyshire until March 2016) where a viable option to Dales businesses.

6 VISITOR ECONOMY

- 6.1 The District Council continues to work in partnership with local providers of Visitor Information Points across the District. A Service Level Agreement has recently been signed with Ashbourne Town Council to continue the service in this area. The position regarding Bakewell Visitor Centre was covered in the report to Members of this committee on 10 September 2015.
- 6.2 Regarding tourism publications, the Ashbourne and Bakewell mini-guides have been updated and re-printed. Next steps: a new guide covering Matlock and Matlock Bath is in preparation, with local advertising being sought to help meet the cost. The 'Derbyshire Dales' and 'Delicious Dales' guides will also be updated for 2016 with the aim to develop a Peak District wide Food & Drink guide with partners in the longer term. Regarding marketing campaigns, promotion of cycling and walking experiences in the Dales, particularly aimed at the year round short break market, will be developed for 2016.
- 6.3 Proposals to progress priority actions included within the District Council's Visitor Economy Plan (approved by Council on 23 April 2015), specifically cycle tourism development initiatives, are set out in the next section. Consideration is also being given to piloting a 'local ambassadors' scheme.

7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESERVE

- 7.1 Council (19 June 2014) has transferred £300,000 to an Economic Development Reserve, providing a one-off sum available to match-fund projects. As identified earlier, delayed EU funding programmes for the period 2014-2020 will provide an opportunity to draw down match funding to support priority initiatives where eligible and appropriate.
- 7.2 The following table summarises planned expenditure from the Economic Development Reserve over the next three to four years, subject where indicated* to current funding bids. The approach remains to work with both D2N2 and Sheffield City Region LEPs for funding to address Derbyshire Dales economic development priorities. Members will be advised of any significant changes, for example as a result of the forthcoming Government spending review, and asked to consider appropriate action or reprogramming as necessary.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESERVE EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2015

Priority	Work Area	Activities	Spend	Year
Employment Sites	Ashbourne Airfield Link Road	Legal advice, prep of funding submissions, contract docs	£14,500	2015/16 to 2016/17
	Site Appraisals	Developer engagement and Growth Deal Round 3 bids		
Business Engagement	Business Forums, site promotion and investment pack	Venues, design & printing	£1,000	2015/16 to 2016/17
Business Advice	Full time DDBA service, Start-up support, Growth Hubs	One to one business advice, one to many events, Growth Hub products and services for businesses (details TBC)	£70,800* to be matched with ERDF	2015/16 to 2018/19
Enterprise Peak District Package	Inspired by the Peak District	Marketing materials and brand development	£12,500* to be matched with ERDF	2015/16 to 2018/19
	Broadband	Potential extension of Broadband Connection Voucher scheme	£50,000 (est)	
		Match funding contribution to help tackle harder to reach areas	£90,000* (est) to be matched with EAFRD	
Visitor Economy	Pedal Peak Business Initiative, Eroica signage	Contribution to establish cycle friendly business clusters; and permanent signage and marketing of Eroica route	£55,000* to be matched with ERDF and EAFRD (or LEADER)	2016/17 to 2018/19
Other	Support for local Market Town initiatives	Market town health checks and enabling support	£6,200	2015/16 to 2016/17
Total			£300,000	

ERDF = European Regional Development Fund

EAFRD = European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

LEADER is a locally run programme, funded by the EU and Defra, providing grants to micro and small businesses to encourage rural economic growth

7.3 The feasibility of developing a small, recyclable loan fund to support the growth of local businesses, including potential partnering opportunities, is also being investigated. This would support the Access to Finance strand of the Enterprise Peak District programme.

8 RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 Legal.

There are no legal risks arising from the report at this stage.

8.2 Financial.

The financial risk at this stage is assessed as low. However, the outcome of external funding bids and potential resource implications will need to be considered when final decisions are made and the financial risk may change at that time.

8.3 Corporate.

The risk of carrying out the actions identified in the draft Economic Plan will need to be managed. Overall, the corporate risk is assessed as Medium at present.

9 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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10 CONTACT INFORMATION

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11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan, September 2014

12 ATTACHMENTS

None

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