

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

URGENT BUSINESS ITEMS SUB-COMMITTEE

17 AUGUST 2001

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT NATIONAL PARK OFFICER - HEAD OF PLANNING

PART A

1. PROPOSED 3 MONTH EXTENSION OF THE VILLAGE OFFICER CONTRACT POST, BUILT ENVIRONMENT SERVICE. (A.12046/JRA)

Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To agree to the extension of one of the Village Officer posts for an additional 3 months, resulting in the end date changing from 31/12/01 to 31/03/02.

Background

- 1.2 There has been a high level of support for the Discovering Villages Initiative, both internally and externally, which is part of the enhanced Community Liaison Activity of the Authority.

Proposal

- 1.3 Since early 2000 the Authority has had two externally funded Village Officer contract posts which progress the Discovering Villages Initiative. The two posts facilitate up to 30 village communities to prepare management plans, working in partnership with the Staffordshire SRB 5 and Derbyshire SRB6 teams.
- 1.4 There are bids in for Objective 2 money to enable this work to continue and develop until the end of 2003 and 2005. A decision is expected in late September 2001.
- 1.5 One of the two postholders, Brian Taylor, has been appointed to the post of Senior Policy Planner with this Authority. The proposal aims to avoid, Ian Fullilove, the other postholder, feeling insecure in the last few months of his contract and seeking another position. This would severely damage the trust and working relationship built up with the village communities and our partners and handicap the anticipated Objective 2 funded programme. It is proposed to redirect the savings incurred by the Authority on the salary bill for this initiative to extend the contract post occupied by Ian Fullilove until 31/03/02. Pay and conditions will remain the same for the remainder of the financial year.

Financial Considerations

- 1.6 The overall cost of the Objective 5b project is not affected, the cost to this Authority does not increase. Only the time period changes, allowing 3 months additional salary to be paid for one of the posts.

Consultations

- 1.7 The Personnel Manager, Treasurer, Staff Committee and UNISON have been consulted and agree with the proposal on the basis set out in this report.

Conclusion

This revision to the contract period enhances our ability to deliver the outputs identified in the current partnership bid for Objective 2 money.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That a 3 month extension to 31 March 2002 to one of the Village Officer posts in the Built Environment Service be approved at no additional cost to the Authority.

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

Nil