

AGENDA ITEM No 2

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

URGENT BUSINESS ITEMS SUB COMMITTEE

30 MAY 2003

REPORT OF THE ACTING NATIONAL PARK OFFICER

URGENT BUSINESS

PART A

1. GRANT TOWARDS FUNDING GREATER PEAK DISTRICT SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT MARKETING PROJECT (A.8535/CB)

Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek approval for the acceptance of funding from the Countryside Agency towards the Greater Peak District Sustainable Transport Marketing Project. The matter needs urgent consideration as the grant offer has to be accepted by 20 June 2003.

Background

- 1.2 SPITS (South Pennine Integrated Transport Strategy) has been successful in securing funding for the Greater Peak District Sustainable Transport Marketing Project from the Countryside Agency who have offered a grant of £9,500 in the year 2003-4 and £17,500 in the year 2004-5 towards this project.
- 1.3 SPITS is a strategy managed through the Peak Park Transport Forum, and administered through the Authority. The Authority supports the Greater Peak District Sustainable Transport Marketing Project in principle and financially. At the Joint Advisory Committee, 3/2/2003, a budget of £5000 was authorised towards supporting this project from both the Authority and Derbyshire County Council. Also a further £5000 pro rata funding was sought through SPITS from other partners.
- 1.4 SPITS is a project that has been supported by the Authority for many years, indeed it features as part of the structure plan for the National Park with the remit of managing strategic transport. As part of this the Greater Peak District Sustainable Transport Marketing Project was established to deliver improved marketing of public transport and sustainable transport. This will contribute towards SPITS aims of reducing the impact of transport on the National Park, which is fully supported by the Authority.

Proposal

- 1.5 That the Authority, as host authority of SPITS accept funding towards the Greater Peak District Sustainable Transport Marketing Project from the Countryside Agency toward costs of this Project. This funding is subject to conditions set by the Countryside Agency, the Authority and the Peak Park Transport Forum.

Financial Consideration

- 1.6 Funding towards this project has already been confirmed from the Authority, Derbyshire County Council and from other partners of SPITS. Contributions of £5000 from both the Authority and Derbyshire County Council were approved at the Joint Advisory Committee and Peak Park Transport Forum meetings on 3 February 2003. Pro Rata sums have been sought from other transport authorities
- 1.7 Funding for the project over the next two years is as follows:

Year 2003-4

From PDNPA	£5,000
From SPITS	£5,000
From Derbyshire CC	£5,000
From Countryside Agency	£9,500

Year 2004-5

From PDNPA	£5,000
From SPITS	£5,000
From Derbyshire CC	£5,000
From Countryside Agency	£17,500

Human Rights aspects

- 1.8 This funding will improve public transport marketing in the National Park, helping to reduce the impact of travel in the park by improving the accessibility to the park by public transport and other sustainable modes. This is in line with the objectives as set out as part of the Countryside Act 1949 and the Environment Act 1995 as referring to National Parks
- 1.9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the funding from the Countryside Agency for the Greater Peak District Sustainable Transport Marketing Project, amounting to £9,500 in 2003-4 and £17,500 in 2004-5, be accepted.

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

Item to JAC and PPTF 3Feb (Ref. para 5.2)

Details of Bid to Countryside Agency

Letter of acceptance from Countryside Agency