

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Moorlands Partnership Board  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Project for Direct Funding: Replacement bollards and planters, Derby Street, Leek</b>
<b>OFFICER:</b>	<b>Dai Larner - Executive Director (Place)</b>

**1. Recommendation**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Board allocates up to £6,500 to enable the scheme set out in the plan attached to this report to be undertaken.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 This report follows up earlier reports looking at replacements to the deteriorating wooden posts at the west end of Derby Street in Leek.

**2 Background and Detail**

- 3.1 Members may be aware that the Moorlands Partnership Board commissioned a set of 16 oak bollards to be installed in Derby Street, Leek between Russell Street and the Market Place in 1995. The bollards were distinctive, being carved in 4 different designs depicting local landmarks (a Saxon Cross, the Roaches, the Nicholson Institute, etc) but, 21 years later, they are in a poor condition having suffered from rot and splitting.

- 3.2 Various solutions to replace the bollards have been considered by the Board as follows:

- Replacing the bollards in oak
- Casting some of the designs in iron
- Replacing the bollards in a standard design to match others close by.

- 3.3 In terms of practicality and value for money, the third option was preferred when it was last considered. However officers were asked to look at the possibility of introducing some trees in this part of Derby Street.

- 3.4 Officers have looked at this proposal. Unfortunately, it is not possible to plant trees directly into the ground because of the amount of underground services. Any trees would have to be placed in planters as has happened elsewhere in Derby Street. Also, planters can only be located in places where they will not cause too much congestion and allow the easy flow of pedestrians, wheelchairs and pushchairs past them.
- 3.5 In view of the above, it is proposed to install two trees in matching planters to those used further along Derby Street in the locations shown on the attached plan. The wooden bollards are then to be removed and replaced with 'Blackpool' style cast iron bollards to match those used on the Market Place.
- 3.6 In removing the existing carved posts, their artistic quality is recognised and, consequently, it is proposed to store some of the better surviving examples for possible re-use or re-carving elsewhere. This would be subject to the bollards surviving their extraction from the ground.
- 3.7 A budget for the scheme is set out below:

Item	Total cost
<b>Bollards</b>	<b>(£)</b>
Bollards – to match those around the Market Place - 840 mm above ground - inc delivery (12 no)	1,390
Allowance for removing existing bollards and fixing new	1,440
<b>Trees</b>	
Planter – to match those used along Derby Street - inc delivery (2 no)	1,520
Tree – Hornbeam to match those used along Derby Street (2 no)	570
Soil, irrigation system and rootball anchoring (2 no)	314
Highways authority licences	665
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,899</b>
Contingency (10%)	590
Total	6.489
<b>Rounded</b>	<b>6,500</b>

#### 4 Implications

- 4.1 Community Safety: Nil
- 4.2 Workforce: Nil

- 4.3 Equality and Diversity: This report has been compiled in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies.
- 4.4 Financial Considerations: This is considered in the main part of the report
- 4.5 Legal: Nil
- 4.6 Sustainability: Nil

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Background Papers

Files kept electronically

Location

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**Decision:**

**Reason:**

**Interests Declared:**

Derby Street, Leek - Possible location of trees and replacement bollards

