

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

19 July 2023

Council Questions

1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism received from Councillor Andrew Church:

“The Government’s funding settlement imposed upon the Canal and River Trust from 2027 to 2037 amounts to a cut in real terms in excess of £300m. The Trust is encouraging individuals to petition their MP as part of the #KeepCanalsAlive campaign and I wondered whether this Council is willing to support the campaign by raising this matter with the Right Honourable Karen Bradley?”

Response:

“Thank you, I too read with alarm the uncertainty regarding the potential significant reduction of funding of these precious national assets. This is clearly a controversial move, and the all party parliamentary group on waterways has already raised serious concerns, along with a wide range of stakeholders. I can assure Council that we will be writing to our MP, expressing our own concerns, as well as those raised, both by the committee, and the Canal and River Trust.”