

9 November 2015**Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES****KINGS MILL RESERVOIR DE-SILTING PROJECT - HERITAGE LOTTERY
FUNDING BID****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for match funding provision as part of a Heritage Lottery Bid by Ashfield District Council for the de-silting of Kings Mill Reservoir.

Information and Advice**Background**

2. Kings Mill Reservoir is a valuable natural asset offering opportunities across a range of community based activities. The site is a designated Nature Reserve and is one of nine Eutrophic waters bodies highlighted in Nottinghamshire County Council's Biodiversity Action Plan. The site is the only one in the east of the county within an accessible catchment for Ashfield and Mansfield and surrounding rural areas.
3. The site also accommodates The Mill Adventure Base, a purpose built urban adventure centre, part of the County Council's Outdoor and Environmental service offering a range of adventure activities for people of all ages and abilities.
4. The reservoir currently receives one third of its annual capacity from surface water runoff which causes significant silting problems with associated implications for its usage and for the natural environment. Since 1984 the silt deposits have reduced the navigable water area by 25-30%. With further increases in urbanisation a recent hydrology report has plotted a reduction in navigable water of 55 -65 % by 2031, meaning direct access for water sports activities will be severely limited.
5. In order to address the problems, Ashfield District Council is preparing a Heritage Lottery bid to fund a sustainable de-silting remediation system offering a long term solution for the reservoir. The resultant project would alleviate the silt problem and provide benefits for recreation, respite, biodiversity, heritage and education.
6. The total project costs and the associated bid are projected to be £1.45million. Ashfield District Council have committed to contribute £300,000 and to secure the required 30% match funding, it is proposed that the County Council contributes £135,000 of capital funding.

Financial Implications

7. The cost of the proposal is £135,000 and would be funded as an adjustment to the County Council's capital programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee approves the match funding as detailed in the report.

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Constitutional Comments [CEH 29.10.15]

The recommendation falls within the remit of the Finance and Property Committee.

Financial Comments [NS 27.10.15]

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

