North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

17 December 2014

Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER Approach 2014-2020: Administration Support

Report No PRK/35/14/SL of Councillor P Kerry, Portfolio Holder with Responsibility for Economy, Finance & Regeneration

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

 To confirm the Council's support for both continuing and establishing the employment of dedicated officers to administrate the Bolsover and North East Derbyshire (BNED) LEADER Approach 2014-2020, subject to confirmation of funding from DEFRA.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The BNED LEADER Approach operated 2008 to December 2013, targeting development of the rural economy in Bolsover and North East Derbyshire. As part of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), overseen by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), LEADER primarily focused grants to the private sector to assist with farm diversification, supporting and creating micro-enterprises, tourism activities, rural heritage and culture and the provision of training and information. Grants were also open to the public and third sector. An evaluation of the programme can be found on the BNED LEADER Approach website, at www.bned-leader.co.uk/evaluation/. Greater detail regarding the operations and achievements of the programme can be found in **Appendix 1**.
- 1.2 The 2008-2013 LEADER programme ended in December 2013, with the two (1.5FTE) Monitoring & Support Officers posts made redundant. The Programme Officer was retained during the 2014 Transition Period, funded by DEFRA, to focus on the development of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for a potential 2014-2020 programme, the application for which was submitted on 5th September 2014. European Commission delays have resulted in a start date of 1st January 2015 at the earliest, subject to approval and completion of contracting arrangements.
- 1.3 At the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 27th August 2014 the Council were asked to note the progress of the 2008-2013 BNED LEADER Approach and endorse the submission of a bid to deliver a BNED LEADER programme for 2014-2020. It was resolved that Cabinet:
 - (1) Notes the Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER Programme 2014-2020 report.

- (2) Endorses the submission of the application to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) funding through the Rural Development Programme for the Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER Programme 2014-2020.
- 1.4 Should DEFRA formalise an approval offer to the BNED LEADER Approach for 2014-2020, it is likely that this will be between £1.325m and £1.409m.
- 1.5 In order to be able to deliver this programme, it has been identified that a staffing level of 1.5FTE Officers is required as a dedicated BNED LEADER Team, responsible for the promotion, project development, monitoring, representation and administration of the scheme. This would consist of the existing 1.0FTE Programme Officer and a newly-created 0.5FTE Monitoring & Support Officer (initially proposed to offer as an internal secondment within NEDDC, BDC and Rykneld Homes). Inkind management support would be provided by the Strategic Partnership Coordinator whilst the LEADER management budget will fund an additional 8 hours per week of the Partnership Support Officer post, as administrative support.
- 1.6 Pending DEFRA approval of funding and Cabinet approval to recruit to the post, expressions of interest from existing staff were sought by 14th November 2014. This process would allow early indication of whether external recruitment was necessary, as DEFRA have advised that they would like LEADER delivery teams to be in place early in the New Year to allow them to train staff as soon as possible. Should Cabinet approve the appointment of this officer interested parties would be invited to apply formally and proceed through a robust recruitment process. No internal expressions of interest were received by the deadline.
- 1.7. In order to ensure an appropriate budget for the LEADER staff, BDC approved an indicative financial contribution to a maximum of £12,000 per annum between January 2015 and December 2020, to a maximum total of £72,000 at their Executive held on 11th August 2014. The confirmed contribution would be reliant on the DEFRA monies received; the greater the DEFRA contribution, the less BDC funding would be required. Residual monies held in NEDBD Ltd totalling £10,000 will also be used to pay for this staff time.
- 1.8 Subject to confirmation from DEFRA and BDC of their contributions to the programme, Cabinet are asked to confirm the continued employment of the 1.0FTE BNED LEADER Programme Officer and the appointment of a 0.5FTE Monitoring & Support to ensure the delivery of the programme until 31st December 2020. The Programme Officer's contract should extend to 31st March 2021, to ensure appropriate programme closure duties are undertaken.
- 1.9 The Programme Officer's contract expires on 31st December 2014. A Cabinet decision prior to the calendar year end, assuming DEFRA approval, would enable their contract to be extended prior to this confirmation. Should DEFRA's approval not be obtained before this time, resources held in NEDBD Ltd could cover for a period of several months to enable an interim contract extension until the decision is confirmed. This would reduce the operational risk of having an approved programme but no experienced officer to manage the day to day duties.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 Experience of delivering the 2008-2013 programme highlights the need to retain a dedicated delivery team responsible for the promotion, project development, monitoring, representation and administration of the scheme. Although the staffing resources dedicated to LEADER delivery has been reduced compared to the previous programme, a core capacity is needed for 2014-2020 at a cost which exceeds the 18% limit set by DEFRA from the total programme costs.
- 2.2 The expected BDC financial contribution and use of some residual NEDBD Ltd monies would ensure a balanced administrative budget, and match the NEDDC inkind contribution of the Strategic Partnership Co-ordinator and office costs.
- 2.3 A decision is required prior to the calendar year end in order to ensure that, subject to DEFRA approval, that the Programme Officer's contract can be extended prior to reaching its termination date of 31st December 2014, to ensure the Council is in a position to oversee the delivery of the potential new programme.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 As detailed in Appendix 1, consultation was overseen by the BNED LEADER LAG. The issue does not necessitate the undertaking of an Equality Impact Assessment.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Considerations of in-kind support for the Monitoring and Support Officer from existing BDC and NEDDC and staff have been made. Experience of the demands for the officer time and technical focus makes such an arrangement impractical, particularly as colleagues are already asked to provide time in-kind to complete the project appraisals received by the programme.
- 4.2 The Programme Officer is contracted to 31st December 2014 under the LEADER Transition arrangements. Although this provides the opportunity to reconfigure the budget with reduced hours for this officer within the new programme, or implement a total restructure, this option would create significant risk to future programme delivery, as there would be no front-line officers with the experience to deliver the programme from 1st January 2015 and would remove the well established working relationships with DEFRA and local stakeholders. Experience of the 2008-13 programme highlighted the difficulties of starting with a full complement of inexperienced staff and the need to maintain momentum negates this option.
- 4.3 Finances dictate that having 1.5FTE Monitoring & Support Officers as with the 2008-13 programme is not possible; the ability to purchase some spare capacity of the NEDDC Partnership Support Officer by extending their working week helps to provide administrative and technical support and maintain an office presence for received enquiries at a much lower cost, whilst the delivery team are out developing and monitoring the programme.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

5.1.1 There are no additional cash contributions required from NEDDC: these will be borne from the existing Partnership Team budget as well as the DEFRA, BDC and NEDBD Ltd contributions. Without a BNED LEADER programme 2014-2020, the opportunity for generating additional NNDR through the creation of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses would be greatly reduced. If the bid for funding fails, it would become necessary to follow NEDDC redundancy procedures for the LEADER Programme Officer post. Redundancy costs can be borne by residual 2008-13 monies held in NEDBD Ltd.

5.2 <u>Legal Implications including Data Protection</u>

5.2.1 There are no legal implications. The DEFRA funding will be overseen by formal agreement between DEFRA and NEDBD Ltd.

5.3 <u>Human Resources Implications</u>

5.3.1 NEDDC bear the Human Resources implications for the BNED LEADER staffing, recruitment and line management. If the bid for funding fails, it would become necessary to follow NEDDC redundancy procedures for the LEADER Programme Officer post.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Cabinet notes the need to establish a delivery team for the BNED LEADER Approach 2014-2020 should DEFRA approve programme funding and requests that the Chief Executive Officer uses his delegated authority, following consultation with the Leader, to:
 - Approve the interim contract extension of the 1.0FTE LEADER Programme Officer on a monthly basis until DEFRA's decision is confirmed.
 - Approve the contract extension of the 1.0FTE LEADER Programme Officer post until 31st March 2021, subject to DEFRA confirmation of funding.
 - Approve the establishment of a 0.5FTE LEADER Monitoring & Support Officer post until 31st December 2020, subject to DEFRA confirmation of funding.

7 <u>Decision Information</u>

Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes
(A Key Decision is one which	
results in income or expenditure to	
the Council of £50,000 or more or	
which has a significant impact on	
two or more District wards)	
District Wards Affected	All except Clay Cross North ward, Clay Cross
	South ward, Coal Aston ward, Dronfield North
	ward, Dronfield South Ward, Dronfield
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Links to Corporate Plan priorities	Corporate Plan:
or Policy Framework	Develop vibrant town centres and
	rural communities;
	Maximise employment
	Opportunities.
	Growth Strategy, Strategic Priority 1: Supporting Enterprise: maintaining and growing the business base

8 <u>Document Information</u>

Appendix No	Title			
1	BNED LEADER Programme 2014-2020			
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)				
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Appendix 1

North East Derbyshire District Council

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BNED LEADER Programme 2014-2020

Report of Councillor G Baxter MBE Leader and Portfolio Member for Building a Better Council

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

2 Report Details

- 2.1 To update Members of the submission of an application for European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) funding through the Rural Development Programme for the Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER programme 2014-2020.
- 1.2 The BNED LEADER Approach operated 2008 to December 2013, targeting development of the rural economy in Bolsover and North East Derbyshire. As part of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), overseen by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), LEADER primarily focused grants to the private sector to assist with farm diversification, supporting and creating micro-enterprises, tourism activities, rural heritage and culture and the provision of training and information. Grants were also open to the public and third sector. An evaluation of the programme can be found on the BNED LEADER Approach website, at www.bned-leader.co.uk/evaluation/.
- 1.3 The accountable body for BNED LEADER is North Eastern Derbyshire Business Developments (NEDBD) Limited, a public-private partnership company limited by guarantee which operates in Bolsover, North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield, and whose members are the three district councils, the County Council, Chamber of Commerce and Trades Union Council. Operationally, the BNED LEADER Local Action Group (LAG), a public-private group which again includes the district councils as well as other partner agencies oversee the strategic direction of the programme. Councillor Ken Savidge is the Council's representative on and is also the current Chair of the LAG.
- 1.4 In summary, £1,904,092.34 was allocated to 33 projects across the two districts, which directly created 75 jobs, supported/created 30 businesses and supported 54 tourism events which attracted over 70,000 visitors to the area. Recognised as one

of the top performing LEADER Programmes nationally by DEFRA's independent evaluators, the programme achieved a social return on investment ratio of 16.91:1 (£16.91 of added value for each LEADER £1 spent) and generated in excess of £4.5m additional private sector investment into the area. Although still early since the end of the programme, the activity has helped to increase the National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) generated in Bolsover by a further £20,425 per annum. Future projects and reviews by Valuations Office could see this increase further.

- 1.5 In addition to the project monies, DEFRA provided £354,000 towards the administration of the grants, which was delivered by 2.5FTE LEADER Officers employed until December 2013. This funding was supplemented with £133,000 from BDC (£66,000), NEDDC (£66,000) and English Heritage (£1,000).
- 1.6 The 2008-2013 LEADER programme ended in December 2013, with the two (1.5FTE) Monitoring & Support Officers posts made redundant. The Programme Officer was retained during the 2014 Transition Period, funded by DEFRA, to focus on the development of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for a potential 2014-2020 programme, which has to be applied for. Due to European Commission delays, the programme will not start until 1st January 2015; the new LDS has to be submitted by 5th September 2014, with the outcome notified in November 2014.
- 1.7 DEFRA has advised that there will be an increase in the number of LAGs across the country from 64 to up to 70. This means that the national LEADER allocation will be distributed more widely; BNED LEADER has been advised that the indicative funding it will be allocated will be within the range of £1,321,000 to £1,617,000, which will include the administration budget, with up to 18% allowed for this element. The issuing of an indicative funding range however does not guarantee that funding will be awarded to a LAG.
- 1.8 DEFRA indicated at a meeting on 4th August 2014 that Local Development Strategies, which will form the major part of an application for EAFRD funding, should be based on the median figure of the indicative allocation range which for the BNED area is £1,459,000 inclusive of the administration budget. This would be £1,196,380 project spend and £262,620 management and administration.
- 1.9 DEFRA further advised at that meeting that successful LAGs will be contracted for the duration of the programme i.e. 6 years although it will be for individual LAGs to determine the profile of funding spend which could be shorter than the 6 year period.
- 1.10 LAGs can determine the proportion of funding that is applied to each measure based on a split of projects that deliver direct jobs and those that deliver growth only but these must demonstrate that such projects will benefit the local economy. The minimum allocation of funding for direct job creation is 70%.
- 1.12 At the Stakeholder Event held on 9th April 2014, participants felt that the minimum funding that should be allocated to projects that directly create jobs should be 80%
- 1.11 In light of the reduced budget, it is believed that the programme can be delivered as in the previous programme, but without the 1.0FTE Monitoring & Support Officer. This would leave 1.0FTE Programme Officer, 0.5FTE Monitoring & Support Officer and 0.2FTE Strategic Partnership Co-ordinator. This is the minimum which can be

delivered whilst adhering to DEFRA's "separation of duties" rules, which means that project development, monitoring and payment must all be processed by separate individuals. To help provide office administration support and allow the delivery team to focus on their technical duties, the NEDDC Partnerships Support Officer will extend their working time by 8 hours per week. NEDDC would remain employing body for the BNED LEADER staff.

- 1.12 Following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders (Members, businesses, CVS) via Survey Monkey, Business Breakfasts and a Stakeholder Workshop, the local priorities for delivery in the next BNED LEADER programme have been placed in the following order of importance;
 - Support for micro and small enterprises and farm diversification 50%
 - Support for rural tourism 23%
 - Provision of basic village services 12%
 - Support for increasing farm productivity 10%
 - Support for rural culture and heritage activities 3%
 - Support for forestry productivity 2%
- 1.13 The apportionment of the indicative funding allocation is shown at Appendix A to this report.
- 1.14 The BNED LEADER programme will aim to deliver the following outputs against each measure. The unit costs shown are based upon the outcomes of the previous programme.

Support for increasing farm productivity	Unit Cost (£)	No of outputs		
Projects	16,666	7		
Holding benefiting	50,000	2		
Businesses benefitting	50,000	2		
Individuals benefitting	25,000	5		
Jobs created	15,000	8		
Jobs safeguarded	15,000	8		
Micro and small enterprises and farm diversification	Unit Cost (£)	No of outputs		
Projects	18,016	33		
Holding benefitting	49,136	12		
Businesses benefitting	49,136	12		
Individuals benefitting	36,000	17		
Jobs created	15,000	40		
Jobs safeguarded	15,000	40		

Support for rural tourism	Unit Cost (£)	No of outputs			
Projects	22,000	13			
Existing tourism activities supported	22,000	13			
New tourism activities supported	22,000	13			
Additional overnight stays	108	2,548			
Jobs created	15,000	18			
Jobs safeguarded	15,000	18			
Provision of rural services	Unit Cost (£)	No of outputs			
Businesses benefitting	50,000	3			
Villages, communities benefitting	21,460	7			
Population benefitting	10	14,357			
Jobs created	15,000	10			
Jobs safeguarded	15,000	10			
Support for cultural and heritage activity	Unit Cost (£)	No of outputs			
Projects	30,000	1			
Facilities benefitting	32,000	1			
Population benefitting	10	3,589			
Jobs created	15,000	0			
Jobs safeguarded	15,000	0			
Support for increasing forestry productivity	Unit Cost (£)	No of outputs			
Projects	6000	4			
Forests, woodlands, holdings benefitting	6000	4			
Jobs created	15,000	2			
Jobs safeguarded	15,000				

1.15 The areas within which LEADER funding can be delivered is proscribed by DEFRA and is based upon Census Output Areas classified as urban or rural rather than wards. The classification of these areas is not negotiable.

- 1.16 In the NEDDC district, LEADER funding can be used district-wide except those areas within which are COAs classified as urban which are Clay Cross North ward, Clay Cross South ward, Coal Aston ward, Dronfield North ward, Dronfield South Ward, Dronfield Woodhouse ward, Gosforth Valley ward.
- 1.17 The next rural development programme will need the Council's ongoing engagement e.g. Economic Development officer support, an Elected Member on the LAG and in-kind appraisal support.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The proposed BNED LEADER programme 2014-2020 will align with the joint Growth Strategy of North East Derbyshire District Council and Bolsover District Council and will complement the priorities of the Growth Plan of the two Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) that cover this area, Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire LEP (D2N2) and Sheffield City Region LEP (SCR).
- 2.2 The BNED LEADER LAG has a proven track record of delivery and has been recognised as one of the top performing LEADER Programmes nationally by DEFRA's independent evaluators.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 The consultation consisted of two main elements:
 - A Survey Monkey electronic questionnaire which was provided in paper version when requested
 - Stakeholder consideration of the survey results.
- 3.2 The Survey Monkey exercise was undertaken between January and February 2014 to determine the local priorities as seen by stakeholders, based upon the measures identified for the new programme. The survey was publicised and circulated to as wide an audience as possible, such as by attending stakeholder's meetings, emailing the stakeholder contact list, publicising in the local press and on the BNED LEADER website and targeting through partner organisations such as the Derbyshire Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce mailing list.
- 3.3 A broad range of sectors were consulted including Elected Members, Officers, businesses, Community & Voluntary Sector, Agricultural Sector, Tourism Sector and individuals and all were invited to comment and feed in their respective views.
- 3.4 The results of the consultation were published and circulated in February 2014.
- 3.5 Equality will be given an ongoing overview by the LAG.
- 3.6 In addition to the multi-sector approach, targeted engagement was undertaken with key stakeholders who have interest in specific measures:
- 3.7 Engagement with Local Businesses / Business Representatives
- 3.8 <u>Eckington Town Group, 14th January 2014.</u> The Programme Officer attended the meeting, to consult on business views and to promote the survey which would be distributed. Over 20 businesses were in attendance. Due to the early timing of the

- meeting, it was agreed that the businesses would provide their views as part of the survey.
- 3.9 <u>Young Farmers, 9th January 2014</u> The Programme Officer gave a presentation and overview of the LEADER programme to raise awareness of the potential funding to the agricultural sector. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 young farmers and the NFU
- 3.10 <u>Business Breakfasts</u>, April 2014. Four business breakfast events were publicised to take place across the LAG area, to allow interested parties to engage with programme and comment upon the emerging priorities identified from the survey. Invitations were sent to businesses across the LAG area, with meetings held in locations accessible to the larger business clusters. Due to other priorities from invitees, two events were cancelled (South Normanton and Eckington), with interested representatives signposted to The Arc, Clowne on 3rd April 2014 and Coney Green Business Centre, Clay Cross on 4th April 2014. 5 business attended in total and were supportive of the priorities brought forward.
- 3.11 <u>Meeting with Sheffield City Region (SCR), 13th June 2014</u> The Programme Officer together with counterparts from Peak LEADER and East Pennines Innovation Partnership met with the CEO of SCR to advise of the progress on the preparation and alignment of LEADER priorities with those of the LEP
- 3.12 Engagement with Tourism, Cultural and Heritage Stakeholders
- 3.13 <u>Limestone Journeys Landscape Partnership Steering Group Meeting, 28th January 2014.</u> The Programme Officer addressed the Group consisting of 18 delegates to promote the consultation exercise and to seek their input into the development of the Local Development Strategy.
- 3.14 <u>Derbyshire Tourism Forum, 1st April 2014.</u> The Programme Officer gave a presentation to the Forum outlining the achievements of the previous programme and the opportunities for tourism projects in the next programme. The meeting was attended by approximately 15 delegates.
- 3.15 Engagement with the Statutory, Community & Voluntary Sector
- 3.16 North East Derbyshire District Parish Liaison Group, 15th January 2014. The Programme Officer and Strategic Partnership Co-ordinator attended the meeting held between NEDDC and its constituent Parish Councils, raising the profile of BNED LEADER, with the Councils encouraged to take part in the survey. The presentation highlighted the achievements of the previous BNED LEADER programme and the priorities for the 2014-2020 programme. Reference was also made to the priorities identified by the two Local Enterprise Partnerships, Derby Derbyshire Nottingham Nottinghamshire (D2N2) and Sheffield City Region (SCR) within their respective Growth Strategy. There were 27 attendees; 18 Parish Councillors, 1 Parish Clerk and 8 NEDDC representatives including the Leader and

- Deputy Leader. There are 24 Parish and Town Councils in the North East Derbyshire District Council area who receive all information from the meetings.
- 3.17 <u>Bolsover District Parish Liaison Group, 27th January 2014.</u> The information above was provided to the 18 attendees, 10 of whom were Parish Councillors (there are 15 Parish and Town Councils in the Bolsover District Council area who receive all information from the meetings). It was agreed that questions would be directed through the survey.
- 3.18 VCS Frontline Service Providers Network on 11th June 2014. The Programme Officer delivered a presentation to promote engagement with the BNED LEADER Approach 2014-2020. 29 people attended the meeting and over 70 organisations are on the mailing list.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Option 1 is to not run a rural development programme within Bolsover North East Derbyshire. This would lose the opportunity for generating additional National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR) through the creation of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses.
- 4.2 Option 2 is to opt for a lower percentage of funding to projects that create jobs directly to 70% rather than 80%. This would reduce the potential increase in NNDR which is a major aim of the Growth Strategy.
- 4.3 Option 3 is to allocate the funding across the measures differently. This would not however reflect the desired economic focus of the LAG.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

Without a BNED LEADER programme 2014-2020, the opportunity for generating additional NNDR through the creation of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses would be greatly reduced.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

There are no legal implications.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

NEDDC bear the Human Resources implications for the BNED LEADER staffing, recruitment and line management. If the bid for funding fails, it would become necessary to follow NEDDC redundancy procedures.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That the North East Derbyshire District Council Cabinet note this report and endorse the submission of the application for European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) funding through the Rural Development Programme for the Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER programme 2014-2020.

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Appendix A

Allocation of Indicative Funding Across Measures.

	Expenditure Forecast (£)							
	Financial Year				Total			
Policy Priority	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	- programme
Support for increasing farm productivity	0	10,827	36,270	36,270	36,270	0	0	119,638
Support for micro and small enterprises and farm diversification	0	72,183	175,335	175,335	175,335	0	0	598,190
Support for rural tourism	0	25,941	65,781	91,723	91,723	0	0	275,167
Provision of rural services	0	10,827	44,246	44,246	44,246	0	0	143,566
Support for cultural and heritage activity	0	2,707	11,061	11,061	11,061	0	0	35,891
Support for increasing forestry productivity	0	1,805	7,375	7,375	7,375	0	0	23,928
Total Project Spend	0	124,290	340,069	366,011	366,011	0	0	1,196,380
Running costs and animation	11,486	45,948	45,948	45,948	45,948	33,672	33,672	262,620
Grand Total	11,486	170,238	386,017	411,958	411,958	33,672	33,672	1,459,000