



Report to Cabinet

Subject: Gedling Colliery Spoil Tip

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1. Purpose of the Report

To request that the Borough Council's annual contribution for the development Gedling Colliery Site of £40,000 for ten years be deferred until 2008/09.

2. Background

A report to the previous Cabinet provided information on the Gedling Colliery site project development, land ownership, site managers, phasing of works and site design.

It was noted that the Borough Council's £40,000 contribution for ten years was not required until 2007/08 in accordance with the project development plan.

Further refinement of the plan took place at a meeting on 12th September 2006, which resulted in the following proposed timing plan.

- Before March 2007 – Geo-technical survey, additional ecological survey work and initial design
- By May 2007 – Complete detailed plans
- June-September 2007 – Planning Application
- September-December 2007 – Prepare and let contract
- January-March 2008 – Contract mobilisation
- April-Autumn 2008 – Construction works begin
- Autumn 2008 – Planting operation and site open to the public
- Probable formal opening Spring 2009

Funding required to meet the above timetable was further examined and it was noted that there was an overprovision in 2007/08 and therefore it is proposed to defer the Borough Council's payments to start in 2008/09.

Nottinghamshire County Council's Building Better Communities funding will be used in 06/07, 07/08 and 08/09.

3. Resource Implications

Financial contributions promised for the development at present are as follows: -

English Partnership – via their National Coalfields programme	£1,500,000
Nottinghamshire County Council	£300,000
Gedling Borough Council (£40k p.a. over a ten-year period).	£400,000

In addition, an application is being submitted for the following, which has received an indication of "in principle" support.

Greater Nottinghamshire Partnership	£950,000
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Despite the above significant contributions the project, based on the last set of costings, is still £1.5million short. However the costs of the project are being reduced to within the budget available and developed in such a way that a shopping list for future enhancements can be provided as and if funding becomes available.

Cabinet has previously agreed to defer the Borough Council's contribution to 2007/08; it is now proposed that this is deferred for a further year until 2008/09.

4. Recommendation

- To note the content of the report.
- To agree that the Borough Council's contribution of £40,000 per year for ten years is deferred until 2008/09.

5. Wards Affected

All