



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CULTURE AND PROSPERITY COMMISSION 16 NOVEMBER 2004

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Appointment of a Co-opted Member to the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

1. To co-opt Roy Hartle to the Culture and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Commission for the duration of the Topic Review on the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Council's constitution states that each overview and scrutiny commission shall be entitled to recommend the appointment of non-voting co-optees, provided that the number of Councillors on the Commission shall be greater than the number of co-optees.
- 2.2 This is the first time that this Commission has considered the appointment of a co-optee.
- 2.3 The Commission is asked to consider an application by Mr Roy Hartle to be co-opted to the Commission, for the duration of its Topic Review of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site in Derby. Mr Hartle is Chair of the Darley Abbey Heritage Forum and sits on two World Heritage Site Committees. Therefore it is considered that his membership on the Commission would be of benefit during the World Heritage Site review.
- 2.4 In 1994 Roy responded to a plea on behalf of the Arkwright Society for volunteers to help at the Cromford Mill. He gave guided tours of the mill and told the Sir Richard Arkwright story, including his links with the Derwent Valley and the Silk Mill in Derby. This was followed by an invitation to provide a similar service at Belper to tell the story of the Strutts and the mills they owned there.
- 2.5 In January 2001 Roy, who had personally sponsored a panoramic map of the village, attended a meeting with the Council's Tourism Manager to discuss the production of a Darley Abbey leaflet. In his role as the Chair of the Darley Abbey Community Association he worked with the Darley Abbey Society and in March 2001 started a local initiative to create and install interpretation boards for the Darley Abbey Mills and Village.
- 2.6 The Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site was inscribed in December 2001 and since then Roy has been involved in the Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick transportation study and in the Atkins River Bus study.

- 2.7 In April 2003 in recognition of his efforts to get Darley Abbey's importance as part of the World Heritage site acknowledged, Roy was elected Chair of the Darley Abbey Heritage Forum.

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Background papers:	None
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. Co-opted members are entitled to the same travel and subsistence allowances as elected Members, in terms of attending meetings and associated Council business. This can be met from existing budgets.

Legal

2. The Council's Procedure Rules on co-option are in line with Government Guidance issued in respect of the Local Government Act 2000.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. There will be benefit to Darley Abbey residents in having a local person co-opted to the Commission during the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site review.

Corporate Objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 The proposal comes under the Council's Objective which states that through the services we provide and in partnership with others, we will make Derby a city of shops, commercial and leisure activities – of a wide variety that appeal to local people and attract visitors by developing cultural and heritage opportunities.
- 5.2 The proposal furthers the priority of promoting the city as a major force for industry, commerce, culture and tourism.