



## **Appointment to the role of Heritage Champion**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 English Heritage recommends that local authorities appoint a Heritage Champion 'to play a critical role in safeguarding their local historic environment' The Heritage Champion should be well placed to act as a focus and catalyst for the local community to engage with the authority to value and protect its local heritage
- 1.2 Around 70% of local authorities in England have a nominated Heritage Champion and they have an established network that was set up in 2004. To date Derby has not nominated one.
- 1.3 English Heritage is developing the support it offers to the network, in response to a number of factors – principally cuts in Local Authority Funding and Localism and Big Society.
- 1.4 The Cabinet Member for Planning, Environment and Public Protection is best placed to fulfil the role of Heritage Champion

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To appoint the Cabinet Member for Planning, Environment and Public Protection as Heritage Champion for Derby

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To ensure there is a specific individual to act as a focus and catalyst for the local community to engage with the Council, to value and protect its local heritage
- 3.2 To maximise the benefits of partnership working with English Heritage.
- 3.3 To facilitate access to guidance and training opportunities offered by English Heritage to the Heritage Champions Network.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 English Heritage is the Government's statutory advisor on the historic environment and it advises local authorities on managing changes to the most important parts of heritage

- 4.2 English Heritage provides training to local authorities through the Historic Environment: Local Management (HELM) programme.
- 4.3 English Heritage gives grants to national and local organisations for the conservation of historic buildings, monuments and landscapes.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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5.1 None

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report

**Legal**

- 2.1 English Heritage is the Government's statutory advisor on the historic environment

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 None arising directly from this report

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report

**Asset Management**

- 7.1 Many of the buildings which make up the city's historic environment are in Council ownership

**Risk Management**

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 9.1 Conservation and development of the city's historic environment can contribute to many of the objectives and priorities