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STATEMENT FROM CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

I am pleased to announce that following a meeting with senior civil servants from Communities and Local Government on 13 December, Derby City Council, the New Deal for Communities, NDC, resident-led board and Derbyshire County Cricket Club have agreed a succession strategy for the New Deal for the Communities programme.

The decision is based on securing key assets and initiatives for the long-term benefit of Derwent residents and the local community. As such, up to half a million pounds of NDC funding will be spent on upgrading and re-opening the community gym at the Gateway and for undertaking a repair and improvement programme at the Revive building.

In the future, grants will also be available to support local groups and projects through the resident-led Revive Charity who will be responsible for managing a community chest for the Derwent area.

Securing the future of these key assets, together with supporting local groups and projects through a community charity, will ensure that Derwent NDC has a viable, sustainable legacy after the New Deal for Communities programme comes to an end this year. This is in addition to other initiatives and facilities that have been introduced to the area during the NDC programme which will continue to provide benefits and opportunities for residents for many years to come.

It has been a long and difficult journey to find an acceptable solution that meets the needs of the community and the Government and hopefully this will now draw a line under it.