

Meeting of the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 8 July 2025

Update on Pleasley Vale Regeneration Project

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Growth

Classification	This report is Public.
Report By	Natalie Etches – Head of Business Growth Dragonfly Management (Bolsover) Limited

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To update Members on activities which have been carried out on site around Pleasley Vale Business Park.
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REPORT DETAILS

1. Update

- 1.1. During the last four months, and since the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee (LGSC) held in March, P&D Environmental have continued with works on site for the flood remediation works. Works to remove the trees and growth from around the work site were undertaken prior to the nesting season, and the works to repair the dam wall are now underway with the access bridge having been fabricated and lowered in to position at the end of May. The Council's Health and Safety Team have been working closely alongside the Contractors and Client Team to ensure all safe working practices are followed, and documents prepared and submitted for approval prior to works commencing onsite.
- 1.2. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's (DWT) Wild Solutions team was instructed to conduct a baseline Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessment ahead of proposed tree removal and embankment/dam wall repair works at Pleasley Vale Business Park. The Baseline Assessment was undertaken in February 2025, ahead of planned works in March 2025. The survey was undertaken to gather the necessary data required by the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Tool. The Metric utilises several habitat variables including habitat type, area, condition, distinctiveness, and strategic significance. The output is a proxy measure for overall site biodiversity, presented as habitat units. The overall baseline habitat unit measure for the site was calculated to be 4.92 Habitat Units.
- 1.3. At its December meeting, the Council approved funds for investment into Pleasley Vale for identified schemes as well as additional repairs and works to the mill buildings. The Council further approved a recommendation for Members to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to establish the post and budget of a Building Surveyor / Contractors Administrator into the Property

Services Team of DMBL, to be appointed to manage and oversee the building works and repairs at Pleasley Vale Business Park.

- 1.4. Works have commenced under this programme of work. The Senior Engineer within Dragonfly Management (Bolsover) Ltd instructed a survey of the drains to identify defects, with a scope to systematically work through the site and carry out repairs on the critical lengths that serve the current facilities.
- 1.5. Structural surveys have been commissioned for different buildings and structures across the site which are showing signs of deterioration. Works have also commenced on surveying the roof to Mill One, with a scope for further surveys to be undertaken over the summer months.

2.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on progress.

3.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 3.1 This report is for information only. There are no alternative options.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That members note the contents of the report.

Approved by Councillor Tom Munro Portfolio Holder for Growth

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. This report is for information only.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

There are no legal implication arising from this report. This report is for information only.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment:

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details: the report sets out the work being done to address the risks of flooding within the Vale, and how opportunities to enhance biodiversity and natural flood water management will enhance the environment.

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: There are no staffing implication arising from this report. This report is for information only.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards, or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No

District Wards Significantly Affected	Pleasley
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: None

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.

Economy - drive growth, promote the district and be business and visitor friendly.

Environment - protect the quality of life for residents and businesses, meet environmental challenges and enhance biodiversity

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title