

To: Councillor Mary Newton, Portfolio Holder for Business and Economic Growth

From: Laura Richardson, Economic Growth Officer

Cc: Barbara Pole, Economic Growth and Enterprise Manager

Cc: Rebecca Bromley, Regeneration Project Lead

Date: 2nd March 2023

Dear Councillor Newton,

Annual TDC Contribution to Community Rail Partnership

TDC has for a number of years annually contributed £2,100 towards the project costs of the local Community Rail Partnership (CRP), alongside partners as follows:

- Greater Anglia
- Suffolk County Council
- Colchester City Council
- Braintree Freeport

For the 2023 season the total contribution is £73,250, which is equivalent to the total contribution made in previous years. Greater Anglia makes the largest contribution, at £66,000 per year.

The work of the CRP covers a number of rail lines and Tendring District benefits from their work relating to the Mayflower and Sunshine Coast lines in particular. The CRP promotes train travel in general and also facilitates Station Adoption and beautification programmes, as well as event trains.

The AGM, which took place in January 2023, reported a recent uptick in passengers to event trains after subdued passenger numbers during the COVID-19 period. An Activity Plan has been shared for 2023/24, with highlights for Tendring including:

- Sea Shanty Train, Bucket & Spade Train x 3, Cockney Singalong train
- History Boards at Dovercourt and Weeley Stations
- Wrabness Bee Friendly Wild Flower Area, Planters to be funded in Gt Bentley

The Team also plans to continue resilience work with Tendring partners, including TDC, to promote train travel more widely, with the opportunity for promotional stalls and other engagement work in this area.

This contribution will continue to encourage the uptake of public transport and therefore be environmentally beneficial, alongside wider engagement and beautification projects improving public safety and enjoyment of their local train stations. The return of the events trains programme supports Tendring's visitor economy, especially Bucket & Spade trains scheduled around Airshow dates, which reduces pressure on roads and parking at these peak dates.

I therefore request your approval for TDC's contribution of £2,100 to CRP to be made for the 2023 season.

Kind regards,

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Dear Laura,

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Thank you for your memorandum dated 2nd March 2023 requesting approval for TDC's annual contribution of £2,100 to be paid as outlined.

I agree/ do not agree for the contribution to be made.

Kind regards,

Cllr Mary Newton
Portfolio Holder for Business and Economic Growth