REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGENDA ITEM: 10

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

COMMITTEE

DATE OF CATEGORY:

MEETING: 20th AUGUST 2015

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OR COMMUNITY AND OPEN

PLANNING

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SUBJECT: DIESEL ROAD ROLLER LOAN REF:

WARD(S) DISTRICTWIDE TERMS OF *see below

AFFECTED: REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members approve that options are investigated and a report brought back to Committee.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To notify Members of the Council's ownership of an Aveling Barford diesel Road Roller that is currently stored at Snibston Discovery Park that recently closed and therefore needs to be removed.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Council in May 2001 arranged a loan agreement with Snibston Discovery Park for the Aveling Barford Road Roller which expired in 2008. Contact has been made recently with the Council due to Snibston Discovery Park closing down on July 31st this year.
- 3.2 It is not clear as to how the Council came to own this Road Roller but it is known that it finished its working life at Hepworth Pipework's where it was on display atop some pipes to illustrate the strength of the company's products.
- 3.3 Prior to that it was used at Ellistown Brick and Tile Company and it started life at Stimpson and Rollston in Leicester. The road roller dates back to around 1934 (pictures attached at appendix A).
- 3.4 Before the loan agreement with Snibston Discovery Park was agreed, an article was placed in 'Old Glory' an enthusiast's magazine to see whether anyone was willing to undertake a loan agreement with the Council. There were several letters of interest received though none were local and therefore the chances of it being seen at local rallies was deemed unlikely which was to be one of the terms of the loan agreement.

- 3.5 The Council has been advised that due to the Road Roller being stored outside at Snibston Discovery Park that its removal is not currently pressing as other parts of the Park are being cleared first. However, in the not too distant future the Road Roller will need removing. The Road Roller is no longer functioning so removal would most likely need to involve a crane and low loader.
- 3.6 At this point, Members need to consider the options for the Road Roller which are:
 - 1. Storage somewhere in South Derbyshire
 - 2. Agree a loan agreement with another Local Authority
 - 3. Place an advert in an enthusiast's magazine for someone willing to enter a loan agreement with the Council
 - 4. Place an advert in an enthusiast's magazine for someone willing to purchase the Road Roller with agreements to maintain it
 - 5. Dispose of the roller in the most cost efficient way.
- 3.7 Further research will be undertaken on the options once Members have had an opportunity to consider this report and recommend a preferred route.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report but at some point it is likely that the Council would be required to remove the Road Roller from Snibston which would involve the hire of heavy machinery.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 There are none relating to this report.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The Road Roller does have local links to Swadlincote and also neighbouring Leicestershire.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 None

Appendix A

Photos of the Aveling Barford Road Roller



