

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North East Meeting on 27 November 2018

CNE 2018 (4)

The meeting will be held on 27 November 2018 starting at 10.00am in the Newcastle Office, St Nicholas Building, St Nicholas Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RF

Members:

- Lucy Winskell (Chair)
- Jim Cokill
- Richard Evans
- Niall Hammond
- David Stocker (Trustee)

Apologies:

- Stacey Hall
- Lynn Turner

Committee Business

1. Welcomes and apologies

Oral

The Chair opened the meeting welcomed all attendees. Lynn Turner and Stacy Hall had sent apologies.

The Corporate update item would be taken as a closed session at item one and the Team would then join for all other items.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair gave an update on her activities since the last meeting noting the following;

- Attendance at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- Attendance at the Regional and Country Chairs meeting - all had demonstrated their commitment to supporting regional teams and Heads of Region through the current period of organisational change.
- A Successful event by the Chamber of Commerce at the Cathedral where thanks to HLF for their work had been expressed.

3. Minutes of last meeting on 11 September 2018

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The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

The Committee requested an update on the situation with the Mining Institute, which was given by the officer.

5. Corporate Update

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Anne Jenkins presented the corporate update in a closed session for the members with the Head of Region present. Anne gave a brief overview of the context for Shaping Our Future Business which was noted by the Committee. It would allow HLF to be more streamlined and consistent in

our approach to delivery of the SFF and in support of the sector, with more consistent ways of working and would address recommendations from the tailored review.

Key points noted by the committee were as follows;

- A shift from four departments to three – Business Services, Business Insight and Innovation and Business Delivery.
- English Regions would reduce from nine regions to three English areas. The Countries would remain, giving a total of six Areas across the UK allowing a more strategic approach across the country with more flexible budgets, increased efficiency and a more flexible workforce.
- Bases for hub and spoke offices would be finalised after the formal consultation period though it had been agreed that all existing offices would remain open for two years.
- An illustrative England Area structure was shared and demonstrated how roles such as HR or Communications may be based outside of London. An illustrative hub and spoke model was also noted.
- A greater level of delegation and flexibility of budgets to the Area and Country teams would be seen
- The Committee noted new delegation limits for 2019-20 and from 2020 onwards.

Next steps would include an independent governance review which would take place in early 2019. Three interim England Area committees would be created to operate from April/May 2019 for a 12 month period. All members would be invited to submit an expression of interest to be a part of these committees and a more formal and longer term for the Committees would be identified as part of the governance review.

6. North East Regional Overview

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Ivor Crowther, Head of Region, introduced the report and brought the following to the Committee's attention;

- Rapid rejections since the last meeting were detailed in section 8.2
- Board awards and rejections since the last meeting were detailed in section 8.3
- An application from Newcastle Cathedral would be received by the Board in March 2019.

The Committee noted the report and the current pipeline.

7. North East Budget report

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Ivor Crowther introduced the report and provided the Committee with an overview of key details. The Committee noted the report and that the 20% target saving on second round cases had been reached for the North East Region. The North East Region target for awards to places of worship had also been met and a further round two GPOW application would be presented to the Committee in March 2019.

For this meeting, two second round Heritage Grants (HG) cases totalling £854,800 had been received and the committee noted that both were fundable assuming quality standards and outcomes were met.

Five first round HG cases totalling £3,086,600 had been received against a budget of £957,400 giving a success rate for the meeting of 31%. The committee noted that prioritisation would be required.

8. Declarations of Interest

Oral

The Chair noted her position as Pro Vice-Chancellor at Northumbria University and that students of the university would benefit from outcomes of the project at item 15 - Gateway at Trinity- a centre of arts, heritage and community; HE-17-07689. This was not deemed conflicting and the Chair remained present for all discussions and subsequent prioritisation.

There were no conflicts of interest.

SF4 Second round applications for discussion and decision

9. Accessing Aidan; HG-16-05959

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Grantee: Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership

Request: Award Grant of £355,600 (80%)

Uplift: £100

Project: A three year project to develop a heritage hub and outreach project in Bamburgh focusing on Anglo-Saxon heritage with a particular focus on local archaeological discovery. The crypt in the Church of St Aidan would be developed as a high quality interpretation space. An accompanying outreach programme would incorporate a schools programme with educational resources, guided walks and events. A Project Officer would be employed to coordinate the project and deliver the outreach activities.

The Committee for North East awarded a first round pass of £399,300 including a development grant of £43,800 (86% of eligible development costs) in March 2017.

The Committee for North East England **AWARDED** a grant of £355,600 (80%).

10. Gateshead Archive: The People's Archive; HG-16-08833

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Grantee: Gateshead Council

Request: Award Grant of £499,200 (64%)

Project: A 26-month project to increase access to the Gateshead Local Studies Collection through the creation of a new, larger Local Studies space within Gateshead Central Library. The collections would be digitised and conserved and an electronic catalogue created. Interactive digital display units would be installed. A community outreach programme would be delivered with a view to interpreting the collection, with volunteers recruited and trained in key skills.

The Committee for North East England awarded a first round pass of £546,200 including a development grant of £47,000 (89% of eligible development costs) in June 2017.

The Committee for North East England **AWARDED** a grant of £499,200 (64%).

11. Prioritisation of second round items

Oral

The Committee were satisfied with the priorities given in the case by case discussions and made no amends.

Both applications were given a high priority rating and met quality standards and outcomes to a high degree. The Committee agreed to award second round grants to;

- Accessing Aidan – HG-18-05959
- Gateshead Archive: The Peoples Archive – HG-16-08833

SF4 First round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

12. Captain Cook Renovation and Commercial Sustainability; HE-18-03614

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Applicant: Middlesbrough Council

Request: First Round Pass of £544,500, including Development Grant of £60,000

Project: To restore and bring back into public use a Grade II listed pub dating from 1893. The project would restore and renovate the building to its former use and reopen as a gastro pub and micro-brewery, in order to ensure its future sustainability. Some training and volunteering opportunities would be made available and heritage features identified through a number of phased surveys.

The Committee for North East England **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

13. Catch My Drift; HG-18-02829

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Applicant: Northumberland Wildlife Trust Ltd

Request: First Round Pass of £505,800, including Development Grant of £90,000

Project: To improve biodiversity and provide better access for visitors to the East Chevington Nature Reserve at Druridge Bay. The project would protect the natural heritage of the area by allowing existing habitats to be maintained and would also realise the opportunity to create new habitats. Existing volunteers skills would be developed and new volunteers recruited and improved interpretation and activities would improve visitor experience and increase numbers.

The Committee for North East England agreed the application represented a **MEDIUM (1 of 2)** priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £505,800 including development grant of £90,000 (60% of eligible development costs).

14. Putting Community at the Centre; HE-17-08196

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Applicant: Berwick Youth Project

Request: First Round Pass of £985,000, including Development Grant of £25,000

Project: To restore a Grade II* listed school building and return it to use to support the community of Berwick-Upon-Tweed. The project would allow renovation of the building in order for it to be used as a community facility which would include community meeting rooms with visitor facilities, a café, community offices and supported accommodation for 16-25 year olds. The heritage of the school building would be explored through various learning projects with local schools and within wall displays in the community meeting room spaces.

The Committee for North East England **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

15. Gateway at Trinity- a centre of arts, heritage and community; HE-17-07689

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Applicant: Gateway Studio Project

Request: First Round Pass of £572,700, including Development Grant of £85,000

Project: To return a partially vacant Grade I listed building at the centre of a community to sustainable use for education purposes. The project would see the at risk building repaired and restored to enable it to be used for programmes of dance education with additional space for associated arts and community activity and ensure its sustainable future.

The Committee for North East England agreed the application represented a **MEDIUM (2 of 2)** priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

16. Wor Divorsity- Speaking of Heritage, What's Yours?; HG-18-03411

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Applicant: Workers Education Association (North East)

Request: First Round Pass of £478,600, including Development Grant of £47,400

Project: To bring together skills and expertise which will enable people to investigate and share a deeper understanding of their heritage and the untold stories which underpin local and regional communities. Histories will be recorded, interpreted and stored in an archive of research in order to secure access for generations to come. The project will develop a number of training and engagement opportunities as well as encouraging use of a range of digital tools.

The Committee for North East England **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

17. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee were satisfied with the priorities awarded in the case by case discussions and made no amends.

The Committee agreed to award a first round pass including development grant to Catch My Drift – HG-18-02829.

The Committee provided feedback for all other cases.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation:

18. Reconnecting Roker Park; HG-18-03181

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Applicant: City of Sunderland Council

Request: First Round Pass of £3,379,600, including Development Grant of £279,200

Project: To restore and regenerate the late Victorian, Grade II registered Roker Park and ensure its sustainability and protection for future generations. The project would allow historic features to be restored and interpreted and visitor facilities to be improved which would help to reconnect the local community and wider visitor base with an important feature of local natural heritage. A broad activity and engagement plan would support the project alongside educational, training and volunteer opportunities.

The Committee for North East England recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH (2 of 2)** priority for support.

19. The Shades; HE-18-03440

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Applicant: Hartlepool Borough Council

Request: First Round Pass of £3,715,900, including Development Grant of £363,600

Project: To bring back to public use a Grade II listed building in the Church Street Conservation Area, Hartlepool. The project would support the reopening of a building currently in an advanced state of disrepair by realising the opportunity for its future sustainable use as a public house, microbrewery and hospitality training academy. The restoration of original features would provide opportunities for training and development in heritage skills and new interpretation would allow visitors to learn about the heritage of the building.

The Committee for North East England recommended the project to the Board as a **MEDIUM (2 of 2)** priority for support.

20. Durham History Centre; HG-18-03463

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Applicant: Durham County Council

Request: First Round Pass of £3,993,900, including Development Grant of £76,800

Project: To protect Durham's written heritage by combining the currently dispersed archives of Durham County Council to a new facility which would also allow a Grade II listed property to be restored to sustainable use. Activity and engagement plans would greatly improve access, especially via digital means, to an internationally significant collection. The project would realise the opportunity to create an audience focussed facility at the heart of the community, increase visitors to the archive collections and provide a variety of training and volunteer opportunities.

The Committee for North East England recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH (1 of 2)** priority for support.

21. Old Brewery Maltings Tweedmouth; HE-18-03556

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Applicant: Berwick Community Development Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £1,503,900, including Development Grant of £44,200

Project: To return to use the vacant and At Risk, Grade II listed Old Brewery Building as a further education centre which would be part of Northumberland College. Linked to local regeneration plans, the project would secure the future of a building with significant heritage value in Berwick-Upon-Tweed and bring great benefit to the local and surrounding communities. With extensive learning and engagement opportunities the project would seek to share the heritage of the buildings whilst contributing to an up-skilled work force.

The Committee for North East England recommended the project to the Board as a **MEDIUM (1 of 2)** priority for support.

22. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee were satisfied with the priorities awarded in the case by case discussions and made no amends.

The Committee voted to prioritise the equally scoring high priority recommendations to the Board. The Committee agreed that;

- Durham History Centre would be recommended as high priority 1 of 2
- Reconnecting Roker Park would be recommended as high priority 2 of 2

Items for information

23. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report.

24. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the report.

25. Any other business

Oral

The Committee would be contacted for their availability for project visits/launched.

The next meeting will be held on 12 March 2019.