

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber Meeting on 22 November 2018

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Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber held on Thursday 22 November 2018 at 10a.m. at the Leeds Office

Members:

- John Williams (Acting Chair)
- Tony Collins
- Sue Mendus
- David Stocker (Trustee)
- Keith Sweetmore
- Cynthia Wainwright

Apologies:

- Ron Cooke

Committee Business

1. Welcomes

Oral

The Acting Chair welcomed:

- Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of HLF
- A representative from the Big Lottery Fund, who was attending for the Parks for People discussion.

Apologies were received from:

- Ron Cooke, Chair of Yorkshire and the Humber Committee. Ron had recently had an operation and the Committee wished him a speedy recovery.

2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Sue Mendus declared an interest in Item 18, Linking the Levels. Her husband used to be Honorary Treasurer of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust but has now stepped down. The Committee are content that this did not constitute a conflict and Sue could remain in the room for the discussion.

SF4 Parks for People second round applications for discussion and recommendation (December Panel)

3. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

4. Saving South Cliff Gardens; PP-15-00011

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Grantee: Scarborough Borough Council

Request: Award grant of £4,655,700 (66%)

Project: To restore the heritage of South Cliff Gardens. The project would repair and restore the historic fabric of the park, resurface and repair footpaths and restore and maintain the horticulture and habitats. New features and facilities would be created such as a new operations centre and play area. There would also be training and volunteering opportunities provided.

The Heritage Lottery Fund Board and Big Lottery Fund Parks for People England Committee awarded a first round pass of £4,999,900 including development grant of £334,200 (78% of total eligible development costs), split between distributors (HLF £222,800; 66.66%) (BLF £111,400; 33.33%) in December 2016.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber and Big Lottery representative Fund agreed that the project be recommended as a **HIGH** priority to the joint Board.

Corporate Items

5. Minutes of last meeting on 20 September 2018

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The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

Oral

There were none.

7. Corporate Update

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Sue Bowers presented the corporate update in a closed session for the members with the Head of Region present. Sue 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.

8. Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Overview

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The paper was presented by David Renwick and highlighted the following key elements:

- The new and returning staff had settled into the team well and Yorkshire and the Humber were progressing well with their annual team plan.
- The team had recently been on a successful team away-day, which focussed on how best to prepare for and deal with change.
- A recent meeting with Philip Davies MP who shared his views on HLF and his very positive thoughts about the investments that have been made in his constituency and the way the organisation supports communities.
- David attended the launch of the Wentworth Woodhouse Master Plan, which was highly ambitious but proportionate to the scale and significance of the property.
- That the Development Team had done an excellent job in handling all project enquiries ahead of the new Strategic Funding Framework, which is currently embargoed.
- Images of the Piece Hall had become part of the UK's promotional material to attract overseas tourism.

9. Yorkshire and the Humber Budget

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The paper was presented by Kathryn Frankish.

In 2018/19 the Committee budget for Yorkshire and the Humber is £3.9m. As well as new R1 passes, uplifts and grant increases (including for GPOW projects), and any straight to R2 acquisitions come out of this budget.

At this meeting, there are five first round cases totalling £2,491,600 against a budget of £2,023,700.

At this meeting, there is one second round application totalling £836,300. The pipeline for the remainder of 2018/19 contains a further two applications with a total grant request of £789,400. The Committee were reminded that they are expected to contribute towards the corporate savings for second round cases, taking into account Board and Committee level projects.

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision

10. Dean Road Chapel Heritage Hub; HG-15-06497

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Grantee: Dean Road Chapel Ltd

Request: Award grant of £836,300 (95%).

Project: To restore the derelict Victorian chapel in Dean Road cemetery for use of the local community. The restored chapel would be used as a heritage hub to bring the stories of the deceased buried at the cemetery to new audiences. Capital works would create a new, secure archive and a community café, gallery and event space.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber awarded a first round pass of £924,600 including development grant of £50,900 (95% of total eligible development costs) in September 2016.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber considered the project to be a low priority and **REJECTED** the grant to due to the concerns raised above.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision

11. The Old Coach House Older People's Centre and Community; HE-17-01894

CYH 2018 (4) 11

Applicant: Age UK Sheffield

Request: First round pass of £631,200, including development grant of £49,700 (58% of eligible development costs).

Project: The project will restore a Grade II listed former Coach House in Hillsborough Park. The building would be used to provide the organisation with a resource in which it could deliver dementia-friendly activities and services for older people in Sheffield and would focus on memory, reminiscence and activity based on local heritage and natural resources. Alongside this, a community cafe would be built and act as a new income stream to support the charitable work on an ongoing basis.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application represented a HIGH priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £631,200, including development grant of £49,700 (58% of eligible development costs).

12. Hull's National Picture Theatre: The North's Last Blitz Damaged Building; HG-16-08610

CYH 2018 (4) 12

Applicant: National Civilian WW2 Memorial Trust

Request: First round pass of £288,900, including development grant of £11,200 (29% of eligible development costs).

Project: The project would stabilise and preserve the Grade II listed remains of the former cinema on Beverley Road, Hull that was bombed during the Second World War. The site and its history would be interpreted through displays, activities and events so that present and future generations can reflect upon the story of the National Picture Theatre and the resilience of the war-time civilian communities of Hull. The Activity Plan would draw upon oral history and documented sources to engage people in the history and significance of the site and train volunteers to give guided tours.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £288,900, including development grant of £11,200 (29% of eligible development costs).

13. River Foss Community Science Project; HG-17-06608

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Applicant: Friends of St Nicholas Fields

Request: First round pass of £245,100, including development grant of £51,400 (79% of eligible development costs).

Project: The project would address diminishing biodiversity and flood risk within the River Foss catchment area through a programme of wildlife monitoring, habitat restoration works and community engagement. Activities to support this would include delivering training workshops for 250 science volunteers and would engage the wider community in family-friendly taster sessions and field-based education lessons for schools and community groups.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised above.

14. South Square Centre- Thornton, Brontës and Beyond; HG-17-06970

CYH 2018 (4) 14

Applicant: Thornton and Allerton Community Association Ltd.

Request: First round pass of £648,900, including development grant of £87,400 (66% of eligible development costs).

Project: This three-year project would enable important repairs to the fabric of South Square Centre (SSC), a collection of old workers' houses around a central square, including work to the

roof, windows and brickwork ensuring that the building and its mixed heritage and cultural uses remain sustainable for the future. Alongside the capital works the applicant would deliver an activity plan that would include special exhibitions, collecting of oral histories, a volunteer programme and would employ nine paid interns.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application represented a HIGH priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £648,900, including development grant of £87,400 (66% of eligible development costs).

15. Peterson's Project, Grimsby Docks; HE-17-06776

CYH 2018 (4) 15

Applicant: Great Grimsby Ice Factory Trust

Request: First round pass of £677,500, including development grant of £30,000 (50% of eligible development costs).

Project: The project would repair and bring back into use the Grade II listed Peterson's Fish Processing and Smoking Factory and the additional building of ex-Fred's Fisheries (Building 89), located on the northern tip of the Kasbah Conservation Area in Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire. Proposed uses of the buildings would be to reinstate Peterson's Smokehouse as a commercial smokehouse and Building 89 would offer retail/hospitality space on the ground floor and offices/meeting rooms on the first floor.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application represented a HIGH priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £677,500, including development grant of £30,000 (50% of eligible development costs).

16. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee agreed to award a first round pass including development grant to the four high priority projects:

- 1- The Old Coach House Older People's Centre and Community (item 11);
- 2- Hull's National Picture Theatre: The North's Last Blitz Damaged Building (item 12);
- 3- South Square Centre- Thornton, Brontës and Beyond (item 14); and
- 4- Peterson's Project, Grimsby Docks (item 15).

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

17. Hyde Park Picture House- Renewing our historic cinema for all; HG-15-06244

CYH 2018 (4) 17

Grantee: The Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Ltd

Request: Award grant of £2,320,100 (65%).

Project: To restore the Grade II listed Hyde Park Picture House building. As well as conservation works the building would be made fully accessible, the entrance hall would be renewed and improved refreshment facilities constructed. These works would be accompanied by a programme of activities including an exhibition and interpretation telling the stories of the building and its communities and an activity space for archive screenings and community use.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £2,442,100 including a development grant of £122,000 (75% of total eligible development costs) in July 2016.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH** priority for support.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

18. Linking the Levels; HG-17-08688

CYH 2018 (4) 18

Applicant: Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Request: First round pass of £1,285,200, including development grant of £66,000 (78% of total eligible development costs).

Project: The project seeks to improve habitats for wildlife and people across the Humberhead Levels and to reduce habitat fragmentation. By working with partner organisations and building new relationships with landowners the project would restore and enhance priority habitats to enable the protection of a number of protected species, which include cranes, water voles and eels. The applicant would work with six partner organisation to ensure a robust activity plan was delivered through volunteering, education packages and work with charities to ensure people feel connected with the landscape.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH (1 of 2)** priority for support.

19. Elsecar: The Earl's Village of Iron & Coal; HG-17-02586

CYH 2018 (4) 19

Applicant: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £3,775,300, including development grant of £293,600 (76% of total eligible development costs).

Project: The project would repair and conserve heritage assets and archaeological sites at severe risk and create a new, accessible Visitor hub that would run conservation training and activities for volunteers and a heritage engagement programme for the local community. The project's aims to put the community at the heart of saving the heritage, deciding how it should be shared and managing it into the future.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH (2 of 2)** priority for support.

20. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee ranked the two high priority cases:

1. Linking the Levels (item 18); and
2. Elsecar: The Earl's Village of Iron & Coal (item 19).

Papers for information

21. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report and congratulated Vicky Wilford for the work she has done on promoting Bradford City Centre Townscape Heritage Scheme, which garnered much positive press.

22. Any other business

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There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 7 March 2019