

Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for East of England Meeting on 13 September 2017

Summary Report of the meeting of the Committee for the East of England held on 13 September 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Cambridge Office, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, CB2 8BF

Committee: Helen Wilson (Chair)
Sue Davies
Steve Miller (item 14 onwards)
Carole Reilly
Phil Rothwell
Philip Venning
Joff Whitten

Committee Business

1. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Steve Miller declared:

- a conflict for 600 Paston Footprints (Item 12); Norfolk Museums Service was working with the complementary Paston Treasure exhibition and for Water, Mills and Marshes: The Broads Landscape Partnership (item 13); Norfolk County Council was a project partner.
- an interest for The Brecks: Fen Edge & Rivers Landscape Partnership (item 18); Norfolk County Council was listed as a project partner. Committee agreed this did not constitute a conflict.

Phil Rothwell declared:

- an interest in Stort Valley Meadowlands- Landscapes Partnership Scheme (item 16). The applicant was Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust. Phil was working with the Wildlife Trusts umbrella body to advise on Brexit. He had had no involvement in the current project. Committee agreed this did not constitute a conflict.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair reported on recent meetings, events and visits attended in the region. These included:

- visits to Watford Museum and Cassiobury Park;
- the launch of the Broad's five year strategy;
- a visit to the Great Fen project which was currently in delivery;
- the launch of the restored oyster smack by the Countess of Wessex in Brightlingsea.
- attending a City of London lunch to celebrate the successful completion of the HLF funded "Branching Out" project, which was also attended by local politicians including the MP for Epping Forest, Eleanor Laing; and
- working with the New Anglia LEP on the economic strategy.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 22 June 2017

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Committee agreed the minutes, subject to:

Page 3, item 4 Chairs report:

- Carole Reilly and Phil Rothwell's terms of appointment had been extended by a year to 31 March 2019, not 2018 as stated.

Page 8, item 9, should read:

- a first round pass of £1,321,400.

Oral

The minutes were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

Roblyn Llewellyn, Head of Region, updated committee on matters arising including:

- A Parks for People sub-committee of the Board had awarded a grant of £907,600 to Dead Space to Living Place in June.

5. East of England Regional Overview

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Robyn Llewellyn, Head of Region, drew attention to key areas within the report including:

Development Work: the very high volume of project enquiry forms, largely due to the closure of the Grants for Places of Worship programme. Robyn Llewellyn wished to record her thanks to the team for handling the increased workload;

Young People's organisations: the focus had recently been on these groups and to understanding more the barriers and to make connections and links. As a result, Officers had made simple changes in language and were focussing on those areas that were important to Young people's organisations.

Natural Heritage regional leaders: Phil Rothwell had attended the first meeting in Norwich on 24 August and had led a short presentation followed by a Q&A session with Officers. It was hoped that the increased focus on natural heritage would result in more applications all levels.

Grantee updates/issues: Officers provided updates on those projects facing challenges.

Staffing: the team would say a sad farewell to Julie Baldwin in December and welcome Abby Eastwood back in January 2018.

6. East of England Budget

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Robyn Llewellyn reported that the 2017-18 annual budget for the region was £6,500,000.

At this meeting, there were three first round requests totalling £2,319,000. The indicative budget for the meeting was £1,625,000.

There were two second round Heritage Grants cases for decision and one Landscape Partnership which came from a ring-fenced national budget. All were fundable providing the Committee considered the proposals were of sufficiently high quality and continued to deliver good value for money. Committee noted that quality threshold was paramount.

Committee noted there were six first round applications for decision at December committee meeting with a total grant request of £4,311,600.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

7. Longshed Maritime Heritage Centre development project; HG-16-01381

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Applicant: Woodbridge Riverside Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £233,000, including Development Grant of £28,000

Project: To fit-out a new boat building workshop on the Woodbridge riverfront, enabling people to learn about the maritime heritage of Woodbridge. The project would research and interpret the maritime heritage of the river Deben in Woodbridge, creating opportunities for public engagement. A programme of events would promote the project.

Committee agreed, for the reasons stated, the application should be REJECTED.

8. Medieval Miracles; HG-17-01069

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Applicant: Eastern Angles theatre company and New Heritage Solutions CIC

Request: First Round Pass of £299,000, including Development Grant of £15,000

Project: To share the heritage of East Anglia's N-Town cycle of biblical plays and medieval pageants with the wider community. The project would consist of two main components: a 12 week theatre tour of 2 medieval dramas to community venues around the region and a large scale revival of Ipswich's Corpus Christi Processions.

Committee agreed the application represented a medium priority for support. The project was REJECTED in light of the concerns raised.

9. The Plume Heritage Reimagined; HG-17-01191

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Applicant: Thomas Plume's Library, Maldon in partnership with Maeldune Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £1,787,000, including Development Grant of £165,000

Project: To carry out capital repairs and improvements to the Grade I listed library; build an extension to improve visitor access; introduce archive storage and flexible-use space; produce stronger interpretation and implement a new activity programme to share the heritage of the Library and Maldon more widely.

Committee agreed the application represented a medium priority for support. The project was REJECTED in light of the concerns raised.

10. Prioritisation of first round applications

Oral

Committee noted that:

- Longshed Maritime Heritage Centre (item 7) was a low priority for support
- Medieval Miracles and The Plume Heritage Reimagined were a medium priority for support

Committee rejected the Longshed Maritime Heritage Centre on the grounds it was a low priority for support. They discussed the two medium priority applications. Both applications were rejected in light of the concerns raised.

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

11. Releasing the Sutton Hoo Story; HG-13-13124

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Grantee: The National Trust

Committee had awarded a first round pass of £1,400,000 including a development grant of £150,000, 28% of eligible development costs in September 2015.

Request: Award Grant of £1,800,000 (38%)

Project: To transform the visual appearance of the site, improving access to the Royal Burial Ground and the surrounding landscape to fully reveal the international significance of the Sutton Hoo story and the Anglo-Saxons. Interpretation across the site would focus on the key themes of people, culture, landscape, archaeology, discovery and curiosity, addressing the need to create a spirit of place with a journey into the landscape.

Uplift: £550,000 (44%) As a result of the development phase key changes to the welcome, orientation and scene setting areas were required with an introduction to key themes and the story of the site. This involved major re interpretation of the site.

Committee AWARDED a grant of £1,800,000, 38% of eligible delivery costs.

12. 600 Paston Footprints; HG-14-09506

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Steve Miller left the room before discussion commenced

Grantee: UEA and the Paston Heritage Society

Committee had awarded a first round pass of £341,200, including a development cost of £13,000, 79% of total eligible development costs in March 2016.

Request: Award Grant of £374,400 (78%)

Project: To bring together various local groups to record, interpret and celebrate the rich legacy of the Paston family in Norfolk. Project activity would be predominantly focused around ten hubs across Norfolk. Each hub would have a specific living history theme based on the content of the letters relating to that location, with the various hubs telling different chapters of the Paston story.

Uplift: £46,200 (14%) Since the first round, a Project Manager post had been added to oversee delivery of the project.

Committee AWARDED a grant of £374,400, 78% of eligible delivery costs)

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Landscape Partnerships

13. Water, Mills and Marshes: The Broads Landscape Partnership; LP-14-02720

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Steve Miller left the room before discussion commenced

Grantee: The Broads Authority

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £2,663,500 including a development grant of £226,000 (62% of eligible development costs) in October 2015.

Request: Award Grant of £2,437,500 (62%)

Project: To focus on an area of drained grazing marsh landscape characteristic of the Broads National Park, Britain's largest protected wetland and conserve and enhance biodiversity, cultural and historical assets developing local character and distinctiveness and reconnecting local people with their landscape. Access will be improved, skills and traditions learned and a range of activities delivered.

Committee AWARDED a grant of £2,437,500, 62% of eligible delivery costs.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

14. Applications for Places of Worship

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Sylvia Collier, senior Grants officer introduced the batch of applications.

In the East of England, initially 25 first round applications with a grant request of £4,772,100 had been received. Historic England had confirmed that all 25 places of worship were ranked as either very bad or poor condition. Seven cases had undergone full assessment on the basis of relative urgency and available funding.

Committee noted:

- the indicative budget for the meeting was £919,200;
- six applications with a grant request of £1,164,200 met criteria well and were recommended for award;
- 19 projects had not been taken to full assessment and rejected these applications on the grounds of having a lower relative urgency than other applications before them for decision.

Committee acknowledged that there had also been five second round places of worship applications decided at delegated Batch level by the Head of Region since the last Committee meeting these were:

GP-15-01662	St John the Baptist, Saxmundham	£163,400
GP-16-00981	All Saints, Wighton	£231,300
GP-15-05206	St Nicholas, West Lexham	£219,200
GP-15-05173	St Martin, Thompson	£209,300
GP-15-03502	Holy Cross Church, Caston	£220,500.

Committee noted this meeting represented the penultimate decision taking round. Committee would receive the last batch of applications in December 2017.

Committee Grants for Places of Worship decisions were set out at Appendix I.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (October): Landscape Heritage

15. Landscape Partnership Overview

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Suzie Spence, Grants Officer, introduced the overview and the Landscape Partnership programme and applications before committee for discussion.

There were 22 applications with a total first-round grant request including development funding, of £52.29m against an available budget of £20m. Committee were delighted that 3 applications had been received from the region. All decisions would be taken by the Board in October.

16. Stort Valley Meadowlands- Landscapes Partnership Scheme; LP-16-00941

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Applicant: Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £1,803,100, including Development Grant of £237,000

Project: To address conservation needs of the Stort Valley Meadowlands, whilst up-skilling people to establish a landscape management approach. The heritage and significance of the meadowlands would be interpreted and a programme of activities delivered to engage communities with the landscape. These aims will be delivered through three programmes: the revival of the heritage of the Meadowlands; to reconnect people with the meadowlands, its history and cultural landscape; and to reveal the meadowlands.

Committee for the East of England recommended the project as a HIGH priority for support, the second highest of two high priority schemes from the region.

17. The Stour and Orwell Landscape Partnership; life on Suffolk and Essex's saltwater border; LP-16-05400

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Applicant: Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

Request: First Round Pass of £1,545,100, including Development Grant of £95,100

Project: To conserve the nationally important birdlife whilst maximising the social, well-being and recreational potential of the area, conserve the historic parklands and veteran trees, promote opportunities away from environmentally sensitive areas, reconnect local people to their heritage through cultural and learning activities, increase the value of tourism and support local groups and individuals to build capacity in their areas.

Committee recommended the project as a MEDIUM priority for support

18. The Brecks: Fen Edge & Rivers Landscape Partnership; LP-16-06805

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Applicant: Suffolk County Council

Request: First Round Pass of £2,121,500, including Development Grant of £151,100

Project: To explore, restore and celebrate the Brecks edge of the fens to raise awareness of water resource issues, to restore river and habitat corridors, and discover the historic links between human settlement and water. Activities for schools, landowners, and communities would highlight the value and sensitivity of water resources in the area, creating a legacy of awareness and conservation.

Committee recommended this as a HIGH priority for support, the highest of two (1 of 2) high priority schemes from the region.

19. Prioritisation of first round applications

Oral

Committee agreed the priority of the Landscape Partnership projects:

- The Brecks; Fen Edge & Rivers High priority 1
- Stort Valley Meadowlands High priority 2 and
- The Stour and Orwell Medium priority.

Papers for information

20. Corporate Update

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Anne Jenkins, Deputy Director of Operations, updated committee key areas including on:

- The Museums Review and Tailored Review;
- The Churches Review, which would be published in the Autumn;
- the Tailored Review. The Board would discuss the recommendations in September;
- SF5 which had been renamed as the *Funding Framework*;
- Officers were developing a Corporate Strategy for the entire organisation;
- Lottery income, which was variable at present. Officers were working closely with Camelot.

21. Communications Report

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Committee noted the report.

22. Any other business

Oral

The Chair thanked committee and officers and invited all post meeting, to visit the Museum of Zoology.

The next committee meeting in December might be held in the Norris Museum, The Broadway, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 5BX, starting time to be confirmed.

The next meeting will be held on 7 December 2017.

Appendix I Grants for Places of Worship decisions

Item	Title	Applicant	Decision
14a.	ESSENTIAL REPAIRS	All Saints Church Stuston GP-16-07465	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £185,200 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £21,200 (80% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
14b.	Urgent repairs to roof structures and activities related to new benefice vision	St Andrew's Church Swavesey GP-16-07465	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £173,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £16,900 (83% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
14c.	Crowning and warming the Sacred Heart of Southwold	Sacred Heart RC Church Southwold GP-17-00218	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £39,700 (77% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
14d.	Saving our Saxon Tower	The Upper Tas Valley All Saints PCC GP-17-00671	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £234,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £25,000 (82% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
14e.	All Saints Threxton; Saving the Round Tower	Threxton PCC GP-17-00158	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £111,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £14,700 (73% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
14f.	Restoring the octagonal tower church of Kettlestone	The Parochial Church Council of Kettlestone GP-17-00198	REJECT
14g.	Save Saxon Tower and floor dilapidation plus installation of toilet and kitchen facilities	St Peter's Church, Repps cum Bastwick GP-16-05833	REJECT
14h.	Restoration and Heritage Development of St Clement's Cambridge	St Clement's Cambridge GP-16-00255	REJECT
14i.	Urgent repairs to the high clerestory walls to keep St Margaret's open	St Margaret's, Lowestoft GP-16-05748	REJECT
14j.	Repair of roof over the south transept (the vestry and organ chamber)	North Elmham Parochial Church Council GP-16-06250	REJECT

Item	Title	Applicant	Decision
14k.	All Saints Church, Postwick- Urgent structural repairs to roof and heritage experience	Postwick PCC GP-16-07220	REJECT
14l.	St Peter and St Paul Church Tuttington-King's Beck Benefice	Friends of St Peter and St Paul Church GP-16-07586	REJECT
14m.	St Mary's Halesworth Urgent Repair Fund	St Mary's Church, Halesworth GP-16-08066	REJECT
14n.	Restoration of a 'Treasured' Norfolk Church	St Mary's Church North Tuddenham GP-16-08367	REJECT
14o.	Urgent Structural repairs to a Grade 1 listed place of worship	The Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul Carbrooke GP-16-09599	REJECT
14p.	The Regeneration and Revitalisation of St Margaret's Church, Felbrigg	Felbrigg PCC GP-17-00410	REJECT
14q.	Roof and stonework repair	St John the Baptist with Our Lady and St Laurence, Thaxted GP-17-00551	REJECT
14r.	Raising the Roof	All Saints' Church, Old Buckenham GP-17-00592	REJECT
14s.	Discovering Great Hautbois- A Lost Medieval World	Coltishall with Great Hautbois Parochial Church Council GP-17-00950	REJECT
14t.	Weaving back together the fabric of the county's largest wool church	St Nicholas Church, North Norfolk GP-16-05813	REJECT

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14u.	Urgent structural repairs to the roof	Bayford St Mary's GP-17-00380	REJECT
14v.	RESTORATION OF TOWER AND CHANCEL ROOF	Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene Parich Church GP-17-00624	REJECT
14w.	Revitalising the Church of St Mary the Virgin Titchwell	Titchwell PCC GP-17-00428	REJECT
14x.	Urgent repairs to tower roof of St Nicholas Church, Kennett, Cambs	St Nicholas Church Kennett PCC GP-16-06147	REJECT
14y.	The Church of St Mary, Newbourne, Suffolk- Chancel & Nave Roof & Tower repairs	The Parochial Church Council of Newbourne GP-16-09994	REJECT