

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for South East of England Meeting on Wednesday 21 November 2018

CSEE 2019 (1) 04

Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the South East of England held on Wednesday 21 November 2018 in the London Office at 7 Holbein Place, London, SW1W 8NR.

Members:

- Bill Ferris
- Andrew Blessley
- Emily Brennan
- Perdita Hunt
- Lydia Lee
- Susan McCormack
- Neena Sohal

Apologies:

- Lizzie Guntrip

Committee Business

1. Welcomes

Oral

Welcome to Kim Debling from Big Lottery Fund who joined for the Parks for People item and to Stuart McLeod who returned from his secondment to his position of Head of South East Region.

The Committee extended their thanks to Michelle Roffe for her work as interim Head of Region.

2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

The following conflicts of interest were declared and as such the members would not remain present for discussions or subsequent prioritisation and decision making for these items;

Changing Chalk; HG-18-01362 – Emily Brennan worked for National Trust LST region.

The following declarations of interest were made but were not deemed conflicting. As such the members would remain present for discussions or subsequent prioritisation and decision making for these items;

Changing Chalk; HG-18-01362 – Perdita Hunt was a volunteer special advisor to the applicant but had no connection to the application.

Gosport Heritage Museum and Gallery - HG-18-01607 - Perdita Hunt - had been involved in the past in mentoring the Director of the Hampshire Cultural Trust through the HLF inspiring philanthropy project.

Revitalising Newport Minster; HG-18-02579 – Perdita Hunt was currently advising the Isle of Wight Cultural Investment Board which was looking at developing investment in and raising the profile of the arts and heritage in the Isle of Wight but had no knowledge of the project.

SF4 Parks for People Second round case papers for discussion and recommendation to Board

3. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the report.

4. Reclaiming Ellington Park- Preserving the Past for the Future; PP-15-06607

CSEE 2018 (4) 4

Grantee: Thanet District Council

Request: Award Grant of £1,642,600 (88%)

Project: To restore 12 acre Ellington Park in Ramsgate. The project would restore original landscaping, renovate original paths and restore the dilapidated 1898 bandstand, as well as build a café and community space, toilets, and new play area. Alongside capital works there would be wide-ranging engagement activities, volunteering, formal training and skills development.

The Heritage Lottery Fund Board and Big Lottery Fund Parks for People England Committee awarded a first round pass of £1,786,300 including development grant of £143,700 (88% of total eligible development costs); split between distributors (HLF £95,800; 66.66%) (BLF £47,900; 33.33%) in December 2016.

The Committee for South East England and Big Lottery Fund representative recommended the project as **HIGH** priority to the Parks for People Board Delegated Decision Panel.

Corporate Items and Reports

5. 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.

6. Chair's Report

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The Chair updated the Committee on his activities since the last meeting.

7. Minutes of the meeting on 5 September 2018

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These were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

8. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

9. Regional Overview

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Michelle Roffe presented the report.

10. Budget Paper

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Lucy Perry presented the paper and provided the Committee with an overview of key details. The Committee noted the report and details of the upcoming pipeline and that all budget targets were on track.

17 first round HG cases totalling £10,134,100 had been received against a budget of £2,905,000 giving a success rate of 29%. The Committee noted that prioritisation would be required.

One second round application on the agenda requesting £312,800. A saving of £623,880 for this financial year was requested.

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision

11. Brock Keep- A Roof with a View; HG-13-20779

CSEE 2018 (4) 11

Grantee: Open Hand Open Space

Request: Award Grant of £312,800 (71%)

Project: For urgent repairs to the Grade II listed Brock Keep. Capital works would focus on improving the building's condition and increasing public access to new areas. Alongside capital works there would be a range of activities including 18 community workshops, 3 exhibitions, an oral history research and 2 work experience projects.

The Committee for South East England awarded a first round pass of £406,300 including a development grant of £16,700 (41% of eligible development costs) in June 2017.

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

SF4 First round applications for discussion and decision

12. Protecting and Promoting Sandwich's Unique Heritage Through a New Archive and an Exciting Engagement Programme; HG-18-03132

CSEE 2018 (4) 12

Applicant: Sandwich Museum & Archive Toll Bridge Fund

Request: First Round Pass of £830,100, including Development Grant of £90,200

Project: To create a heritage hub in the heart of Sandwich. The project will regenerate an underused heritage asset to create a heritage hub which will promote the heritage of Sandwich and protect and promote the unique collection at the museum. The project would also protect the archive collection through creation of a new object and document storage facility and encourage engagement with a wider audience.

The Committee for South East England agreed the application represented a **LOW** priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised.

13. The Organ Project: restoring, interpreting and celebrating awe-inspiring Victorian heritage; HG-16-05872

CSEE 2018 (4) 13

Applicant: St Mary's Church, Portsea

Request: First Round Pass of £728,100, including Development Grant of £32,100

Project: To protect, restore and interpret a historic Victorian pipe organ. The organ, associated with 125 years of music making, would benefit from a programme of restoration works which would allow it to be used for years to come. The project would engage with local communities, develop volunteer skills, and encourage and inspire future generations of musicians and students.

The Committee for South East England agreed the application represented a **HIGH** priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £728,100, including development grant of £32,100 (74% of eligible development costs)

14. Sussex by the Sea; HG-17-08639

CSEE 2018 (4) 14

Applicant: Sussex Wildlife Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £587,600, including Development Grant of £59,000

Project: The project would focus on the marine and coastal environmental heritage with an emphasis on stretches of coastline adjacent to urban communities. It would aim to influence and improve understanding of the how human activity affects marine life by implementing training and education programmes and improving volunteer opportunities. Shore surveys would be completed, habitats and species protected and 75 beach cleans would take place.

The Committee for South East England agreed the application represented a **HIGH** priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £587,600, including development grant of £59,000 (72% of total eligible development costs).

15. Open Trinity: repairing and revealing our Decimus Burton building; HG-18-02671

CSEE 2018 (4) 15

Applicant: Trinity Theatre & Arts Centre

Request: First Round Pass of £533,000, including Development Grant of £26,200

Project: To restore and renovate the Grade II* listed former parish church building. The project would open the space inside the clock tower to create four levels for heritage engagement with new interpretation and interaction opportunities. Original features would be protected and restored and a new activity and engagement plan developed to encourage increased visitors whilst providing training and volunteering opportunities.

The Committee for South East England agreed the application represented a **HIGH** priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £533,000, including development grant of £26,200 (49% of eligible development costs).

16. The Royal Sussex Regiment Heritage Project; HG-17-00824

CSEE 2018 (4) 16

Applicant: West Sussex Record Office

Request: First Round Pass of £602,200, including Development Grant of £69,900

Project: To catalogue, preserve and promote the archives and museum collections of The Royal Sussex Regiment. The project would publish a combined online catalogue for the archive and museum collections, undertake conservation and preservation of collections and create a website dedicated to the collections.

The Committee for South East England agreed the application represented a **MEDIUM** priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

17. Revitalising Newport Minster; HG-18-02579

CSEE 2018 (4) 17

Applicant: The Minster Church of St Thomas

Request: First Round Pass of £999,700, including Development Grant of £130,700

Project: To refurbish the church and make it more user friendly for the community in which it sits. The project would enable building repairs to take place which would facilitate its removal from the At Risk register whilst also creating new visitor facilities, activity and learning spaces which would improve and enhance the visitor experience. New heritage interpretation and activity plans would seek to engage a wider audience and uncover the histories associated with the church.

The Committee for South East England agreed the application represented a **HIGH** priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £999,700, including development grant of £130,700 (49% of eligible development costs).

18. The Cathedral on the Marshes; HG-18-03579

CSEE 2018 (4) 18

Applicant: St Mary's Church Minster in Thanet

Request: First Round Pass of £538,000, including Development Grant of £86,000

Project: To enable urgent repairs to be undertaken to structure of the Grade I listed church and safeguard it for the future. The project would also allow new visitor facilities to be added to enable a more visitor friendly environment and broader community engagement. New interpretation of previously inaccessible areas and an activity plan would help to share the heritage and hidden stories of the church more widely.

The Committee for South East England agreed the application represented a **MEDIUM** priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

19. Sounding the bell: The legacy of Holy Trinity, Milton Regis; HG-18-00386

CSEE 2018 (4) 19

Applicant: Holy Trinity Church, Milton Regis

Request: First Round Pass of £516,500, including Development Grant of £79,500

Project: To share the heritage of the Grade I listed church through an auditory programme of events. The project would include a community engagement programme to compliment capital works needed to ensure the survival of the building for future generations. Holy Trinity's unique stories would be shared and a bell ringing centre established.

The Committee for South East England agreed the application represented a **MEDIUM** priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

20. The Edwardian Seafront Legacy: Promotion of the De La Warr Promenade Heritage, East Parade, Bexhill; HG-18-03537

CSEE 2018 (4) 20

Applicant: Rother District Council

Request: First Round Pass of £348,200, including Development Grant of £35,100

Project: To secure and conserve Bexhill-on-Sea's East Parade Victorian/Edwardian resort heritage so it can be understood and enjoyed by wider audiences. The project would restore a group of four Grade II listed seafront shelters and associated access and infrastructure. A 'Heritage Hub' would be added and local people would be engaged in shaping interpretation and activities.

The Committee for South East England agreed to **REJECT** the application.

21. The Dickens Writing Chalet: The Private World of a Creative Genius; HG-18-01644

CSEE 2018 (4) 21

Applicant: Medway Council

Request: Request: First Round Pass of £67,400 including development grant of £67,400 (54% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To conserve and relocate the Grade I listed Charles Dickens Writing Chalet in a new setting reflective of its place in Dickens' last home. The chalet, currently inaccessible to the public, would be newly interpreted to allow visitors to explore its interior and gain insight into Dicken's creative processes. An associated performance space and exterior interpretation would also be delivered with a new activity programme to engage as many audiences as possible.

The Committee for South East England agreed to **REJECT** the application.

22. Hamble Valley Trails; HG-18-02224

CSEE 2018 (4) 22

Applicant: The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)

Request: Request: First Round Pass of £395,300 including development grant of £73,000 (72% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To discover the heritage importance of trails within the Lower Hamble Valley and how they enabled communities and industry to flourish. The trails connect many heritage sites and the project would bring together their stories and connections through events and activities to safeguard the heritage for future generations. The project would also aim to connect communities along the trails and improve their accessibility to the natural heritage around them.

The Committee for South East England agreed to **REJECT** the application.

23. Gosport Heritage Museum and Gallery; HG-18-01607

CSEE 2018 (4) 23

Applicant: Hampshire Cultural Trust

Request: Request: First Round Pass of £950,300 including development grant of £50,100 (36% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To create a cultural hub in a disadvantaged area for use by local residents that would widen and deepen the heritage offer of the town and support development of skills and learning. The project would provide a museum with a local heritage focus, an improved gallery and new visitor and community facilities such as a café, retail space and artist's studio. The project would achieve this by redeveloping and increasing access to a listed building of local significance.

The Committee for South East England agreed to **REJECT** the application.

24. The Kings Theatre; HG-18-03504

CSEE 2018 (4) 24

Applicant: Kings Theatre Trust Ltd

Request: Request: First Round Pass of £992,000 including development grant of £180,000 (82% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To enhance and rejuvenate the visitor, operational and working areas of the grade II* listed theatre. The historic fabric of the nationally recognised theatre would be safeguarded and conserved. The project would also create new spaces to deliver an expanded activity programme to share the currently untold heritage of the building with the local community and theatre-goers alike.

The Committee for South East England agreed to **REJECT** the application.

25. Revealing Great Chart's Stories; HG-18-02203

CSEE 2018 (4) 25

Applicant: Ashford Parish Church Council

Request: First Round Pass of £821,000 including development grant of £94,000 (82% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore a 14th century church and create an archive centre by converting an adjoining building. The project would also aim to uncover histories and stories of extraordinary local figures and would reveal a number of unique artefacts which were currently neglected due to the current condition of the building.

The Committee for South East England agreed to **REJECT** the application.

26. Portsmouth@Play. The evolving leisure and cultural heritage of Portsmouth and its people; HG-18-01470

CSEE 2018 (4) 26

Applicant: University of Portsmouth

Request: First Round Pass of £311,800 including development grant of £76,200 (80% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To inspire a diverse range of communities in Portsmouth to discover their contribution to the city's history through exploring and mapping how people experienced leisure through time. The Project would compile a digital interactive leisure and cultural heritage map of Portsmouth from c.1850 to the present day.

The Committee for South East England agreed to **REJECT** the application.

27. Meet Me At The Museum; HG-18-02643

CSEE 2018 (4) 27

Applicant: OYAP Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £299,500 including development grant of £22,400 (63% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To design a pathway to meaningful, lasting and creative ways for young people to engage with the culture of museums. Providing training and mentoring for young cultural leaders aged 18-25, the project will devise innovative and creative learning projects within five heritage settings. Training and development opportunities will also be provided for museum staff and the venues will become alternative learning environments vulnerable young learners.

The Committee for South East England agreed to **REJECT** the application.

28. The Bicester Dovecote Project; HG-17-06034

CSEE 2018 (4) 28

Applicant: Cherwell District Council

Request: First Round Pass of £466,400 including development grant of £65,400 (78% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To bring a 17th Century Dovecote back into use to capitalise on significant growth in and around Bicester and respond to limited heritage provision in the town. The project will conserve and create access to the building and enable it to become a focal point for people to learn more about the history of Bicester by also linking it to other historic buildings.

The Committee for South East England agreed to **REJECT** the application.

29. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

Items 20 to 28 were rejected based on officer feedback and as per the approach agreed for the meeting and on insufficient funds.

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

The Committee agreed to fund the four cases voted high priority;

- Item 13 - The Organ Project: restoring, interpreting and celebrating awe-inspiring Victorian heritage; HG-16-05872
- Item 14 - Sussex by the Sea; HG-17-08639
- Item 15 - Open Trinity: repairing and revealing our Decimus Burton building ; HG-18-02671
- Item 17 – Revitalising Newport Minster – HG-18-02579

The Committee agreed to reject the medium and low priority cases based on the comments made and insufficient funds. Feedback was given for all projects;

- Item 12 – Protecting and Promoting Sandwich’s Unique Heritage Through a New Archive and an Exciting Engagement Programme; HG-18-03132
- Item 16 – The Royal Sussex Regiment Heritage Project – HG-17-00824
- Item 18 – The Cathedral on the Marshes; HG-18-03579
- Item 19 – Sounding the Bell: The legacy of Holy Trinity, Milton Regis; HG-18-00386

Papers for Information

30. Communications Report

CSEE 2018 (4) 30

The Committee noted the report and that the work on branding from the One National Lottery project was ongoing. The Committee would remain informed.

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

31. Chalk, Cherries and Chairs- Central Chilterns Landscape Partnership Scheme; LP-15-07362

CSEE 2018 (4) 31

Grantee: Chilterns Conservation Board

Request: Award Grant of £1,996,000 (70%)

Project: Providing 16 projects across three themes, the scheme would restore, enhance and record wildlife habitats, landscape features and the cultural heritage of the Chilterns and create new opportunities for people to investigate and celebrate it.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £2,181,600 including a development grant of £185,600 (90% of eligible development costs) in October 2016.

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

32. Sheerness Dockyard Church Project; HG-16-01431

CSEE 2018 (4) 32

Grantee: The Sheerness Dockyard Preservation Trust

Request: Award Grant of £4,216,100 (52%)

Project: Repair, restore and transform the derelict Grade II* listed Sheerness Dockyard Church into a business and skills hub for Sheerness. 25 flexible business/skills incubator units would be created for young people as well as catering and restaurant facilities. The project would create a focal point for local volunteering and work experience, a programme of targeted training such as business start-up weekends and hospitality training and skills development through the on-site café facilities.

The Board awarded a grant of £4,672,600 including development grant of £456,200 (81% of total eligible development cost) at its meeting in March 2017.

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

33. Prioritisation of second round items

Oral

The Committee were satisfied with the priorities voted in the case by case discussions and made no amends. The Committee had a further discussion to prioritise the second round Board applications.

The Committee took a further vote on recommendations to the Board as high priority 1 and high priority 2 as follows;

- Item 31 - Chalk, Cherries and Chairs- Central Chilterns Landscape Partnership Scheme; LP-15-07362 – High Priority 1 of 2
- Item 32 - Seerness Dockyard Church Project; HG-16-01431 – High Priority 2 of 2

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

34. Restoration of Historic Guardhouses, Watchtowers and Perimeter Wall at Haslar Gunboat; HE-16-05363

CSEE 2018 (4) 34

Applicant: Hornet Services Sailing Club

Request: First Round Pass of £2,403,900, including Development Grant of £66,900

Project: To restore and repurpose Grade II listed buildings and structures which are at risk. The project would re-establish buildings for use by local groups and businesses and ensure a sustainable future for the site. Skills development opportunities and heritage activity plans would support local communities and build understanding of the heritage of the site.

The Committee for South East England recommended the project to the Board as a **LOW** priority for support.

35. Securing Maderia Terrace for the Future- The World's Longest Cast Iron Structure; HE-18-03404

CSEE 2018 (4) 35

Applicant: Brighton & Hove Council

Request: First Round Pass of £2,957,400, including Development Grant of £243,800

Project: To restore and reinvigorate the Grade II listed cast iron structure of Madeira Terrace and introduce a mix of new commercial and retail/leisure uses. The project would encourage and extend seafront footfall and provide a strong local economic boost with opportunities to showcase the local creative community of Brighton.

The Committee for South East England recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH (2 of 3)** priority for support.

36. Whose Hoo Landscape Heritage Scheme; HG-18-03581

CSEE 2018 (4) 36

Applicant: Medway Council

Request: First Round Pass of £1,925,700, including Development Grant of £119,600

Project: To bring together conservation, regeneration and grassroots interests to protect, connect and promote the heritage of the Hoo Peninsula. The project will address deprivation, rural isolation and historic underinvestment by boosting habitats, restoring historic landscape views and unlocking the history of villages, military graffiti and local political activism. Tourism and engagement with wider audiences will be promoted.

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

37. Changing Chalk; HG-18-01362

CSEE 2018 (4) 37

Emily Brennan was not present for this discussion due to an earlier declared conflict of interest.

Applicant: National Trust, London and South East

Request: First Round Pass of £2,871,200, including Development Grant of £170,900

Project: To protect the South Down' natural and archaeological heritage and reconnect local communities with the environment in which they live. The project will improve habitat and biodiversity, support sustainable land management. Local communities will be engaged through volunteering and training opportunities to participate in conservation and contribute to building a sense of place.

The Committee for South East England recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH (3 of 3)** priority for support.

38. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

Emily Brennan remained out of the room for prioritisation of item 37 - Changing Chalk; HG-18-01362. The Committee prioritised this project as high priority 3 of 3 due to the comments raised.

Emily re-joined the meeting for the prioritisation of the two other high priority cases and the Committee voted as below;

- Item 36 - Whose Hoo Landscape Heritage Scheme; HG-18-03581 – High 1
- Item 35 - Securing Maderia Terrace for the Future- The World's Longest Cast Iron Structure; HE-18-03404 – High 2

The Committee agreed the low priority for restoration of historic Guardhouses.

39. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 19 March 2019