

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for London Meeting on 28 November 2017

CL 2017 (4)

Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for London held on 28 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m. in the London Office.

Members:

- Rachel Hasted (Acting Chair)
- Jenny Cousins
- Sandie Dawe
- Angela Dean
- Jonathan Pickstone
- Jonathan Sheaff

Apologies:

- Blondel Cluff

Attending:

- Ella Mizon (Big Lottery Fund Representative, items)

Committee Business

1. Chair's Report

Oral

The Acting Chair noted Blondel Cluff's absence. She welcomed Patricia Lichst, who joined the team as Development Officer and bade a sad farewell to Felix Gott who was leaving HLF to Join the Royal Naval College Greenwich.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 12 September 2017

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The minutes were agreed and signed by the Acting Chair.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

Stuart Hoblely, updated Committee on post rejection discussions with applicants.

4. London Overview Report

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Stuart Hoblely, Head of HLF London introduced the report.

5. London Budget

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Budget Update: Sue Bowers, Deputy Director of Operations updated committee of recent discussions at the Board.

Internally, officers were developing the Corporate Strategy and Funding Framework with plans to launch the latter in 2019. In light of income fluctuations, HLF would need to take a more prudent view of spending and commitments. Budgets for 2018-19 would be £190m. The Board had considered a range of options at its November meeting.

The Board had set a priority of protecting existing investment whilst still allowing for fresh investment and distributed spend. When making decisions, project quality would be a key consideration. The Board were keen to maintain a strong distributed country and regional commitment.

There would be a range of levers including:

- introducing a change in delegation for Committees to £1m in 2018; 93% of grants were under £1m
- setting budgets for second round at Committee and Board;
- taking a pause in grant giving and stopping programmes during 2018-19 transition year and in preparation for the new Funding Framework.

November Budget

Simon Spoglianti, Casework Manager, introduced the paper that set the context for the Committee's decision taking for the 2017 - 2018 financial year. The Heritage Grant and Heritage Enterprise up to £2million budget for the year in London was £9m.

First round; The remaining budget had been adjusted to 4.1 m after the 10% overall budget reduction.

The First Round budget for this meeting was £2,518,350. The total grant request was £8,904,600. There was one resubmission. Committee would have to decide which first round applications they wished to support.

For March 2018, the team had received 6 applications, including 2 resubmissions with a grant request of £7,076,400.

Second round: Committee were requested to give particular scrutiny to quality and value for money in its decision making so that only the strongest projects are supported. Within the next financial year, the entire process would become much more competitive.

6. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Jon Sheaff reported:

- a conflict for Greenwich Park Revealed (item 39). His consultancy had prepared the application on behalf of the Royal Parks;
- declaration of interest for The Abney Park Restoration Project (item 29); he had worked for the London Borough of Hackney to develop a new governance strategy for Abney Park Cemetery in 2013 but had no connection with the current application;

Jenny Cousins reported:

- a conflict for Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives: The Story of the Second World War (item 27) as she was previously a Project Manager at Duxford IWM.

Angela Dean reported:

- a declaration for item 11 London: Science City. The Science Museum were working with King's College London and she was a Member Member of the Council of King's College, London. Committee agreed this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

7. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

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Lesley McCarthy, Senior Grants officer presented the paper.

The annual budget for 2016-17 for London was £1.5m.

In London, 4 first round applications had been submitted with a grant request of £925,000 against a regional budget of £749, 700. Historic England allocated 3 applications as being the most urgent. One application did not proceed to full assessment.

Committee noted there was sufficient budget to support the three applications should they agree they met the quality threshold.

Committee agreed to award:

- first round passes to three places of worship applications; and
- a second round grant of £24,200 including an uplift of £55,200.

Committee agreed the following decisions:

Item	Project title	Applicant	Decision
7a.	Repairs to tower and spire, improvements to toilets adding disabled facilities	St Matthew's Church, Surbiton	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £250,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £25,000 (41% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
7b.	St. Leonard's Shoreditch: urgent repairs to portico and west front	St Leonard's Church, Shoreditch	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £21,600 (40% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
7c.	All Saints' Church East Finchley Roof Repairs Project	All Saints' Church, East Finchley	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £34,800 (78% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
7d.	External repairs to Wandsworth URC	Wandsworth United Reformed Church East Hill	REJECT
7e.	Urgent Spire and Tower Stone and Mortarwork repairs	All Saints' Church Friern Barnet	AWARD GRANT OF £247,200 (71%)

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8. The Roundhouse's Next Generation Plan; HG-16-06627

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Applicant: The Roundhouse Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £1,990,100, including Development Grant of £549,600

Project: To deliver capital improvements to Grade II* Roundhouse's site to ensure long-term sustainability, and activities for young people (YP) and the wider community to engage with Roundhouse's heritage. The Roundhouse site would be transformed to provide an appropriate setting and improve the site's overall management. Construction of a new building within the site, to address current capacity issues of Roundhouse, An activity programme would be delivered

The Committee for London agreed the application represented a low priority for support. The application was **REJECTED** in light of the concerns raised.

9. Further urgent high level roof repairs; sharing our Church's history with the community of Lewisham; HG-17-03751

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Applicant: St Mary's Church Lewisham

Request: First Round Pass of £1,053,900, including Development Grant of £134,500

Project: To repair the tower, chancel and ancillary roofs of the Grade II* listed church; improve the heating system and access; and deliver a community engagement programme.

The Committee **REJECTED** the application.

10. St Mellitus WWI Organ restoration; HG-17-03885

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Applicant: Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £479,700, including Development Grant of £42,700

Project: To restore the Grade-II* listed memorial Hunter Organ at Grade-II listed RC Church of St Mellitus, Islington. The organ will be restored in time to mark the centenary of its installation and a programme of activities would involve the local community in events, learning and skills development to explore the history of the organ, the church and the community it served.

The Committee for London agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £479,700, including Development Grant of £42,700 (85% of eligible development costs).

11. London: Science City; HG-17-03565

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Applicant: Science Museum

Request: First Round Pass of £1,384,300, including Development Grant of £191,400

Project: To create a new permanent gallery in the Science Museum exploring the heritage of London as a city of science. Through stories of philosophical curiosity, technological innovation and artisanal skills, the gallery will show how the institutions, practices and professions of the 17th and 18th centuries were the origins of modern London's scientific and technological culture. Participation projects and a range of events would be delivered.

The Committee for London agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of 1,384,300, including Development Grant of £191,400 (48% of eligible development costs).

12. The Woolwich Tramshed. A cultural touchstone and barometer for community's cultural memory and journey; HG-16-08000

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Applicant: Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre

Request: First Round Pass of £1,991,500, including Development Grant of £256,300, 90% of eligible development costs

Project: To refurbish and renovate Woolwich's Tramshed theatre, turning it into a community and heritage hub. The project would conserve the archive and reveal the locally important heritage interior.

The Committee for London **REJECTED** the application.

13. Reigniting the Festival Church: A renewal and celebration of Waterloo's Heritage; HG-17-03507

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Applicant: St Johns Waterloo

Request: First Round Pass of £1,485,700, including Development Grant of £285,700

Project: To repair and restore the Grade II* listed St John's Church, whilst working towards establishing St John's as the primary heritage site to celebrate the history of Waterloo. The Church would be working in partnership with its charity, The Bridge at Waterloo.

The Committee for London agreed the application represented a low priority for support. The application was **REJECTED**.

14. All About Tea; HG-17-03713

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Applicant: Ming-Ai (London) Institute

Request: First Round Pass of £519,400, including Development Grant of £52,300

Project: to explore and share the heritage of tea and the long history of tea drinking in the UK and the role played by the trade with China.

The Committee for London **REJECTED** the application.

15. Prioritisation and feedback for first round items

Oral

Committee had rejected further urgent high level roof repairs; sharing our Church's history with the community of Lewisham (item 9), The Woolwich Tramshed (item 12) and All about tea (item 14) during the case by case discussion and agreed the priority of other first round applications was:

- ST Mellitus WWI Organ restoration (item 10) and London Science City (item 11) were a high priority; and
- the Roundhouse (item 8), and Reigniting the Festival Church (item 13) were considered a low priority.

The Committee agreed to reject both low priority projects. The high priority applications received a first round pass and development funding.

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16. Reclaiming, conserving and making accessible an SMINC of historic horticultural interest in Shirley, Greater London; HG-14-03902

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Grantee: Methodist Homes

The Committee for London awarded a first round pass of £740,100, including development grant of £95,400 (71% of total eligible development costs) in November 2015.

Request: Award Grant of £644,700 (62%)

Uplift: None

Project: To restore, conserve and make accessible 'The Wilderness', a 7 acre Site of Metropolitan Importance for Nature Conservation which was part of Hall Grange and Shirley Common, Croydon. Capital works would include the creation of a new build Volunteer Centre, Outdoor Classroom, Head Gardener's Office and Toolshed. Learning and participation opportunities would include a range of heritage and conservation-based activities for school children and the wider community, Green Care activities for residents, and volunteering and training opportunities targeting local community members who are unemployed or have difficulty finding employment.

The Committee for London **AWARDED** a grant of £644,700 (62%).

17. Willesden Jewish Cemetery “House of Life”; HG-15-01660

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Grantee: United Synagogue

The Committee for London awarded a first round pass of ££1,988,700 including a development grant of £321,000 (85% of total eligible development costs) in September 2015.

Request: Award Grant of £1,667,000 (77%)

Uplift: None

Project: to open up Willesden Jewish Cemetery located in Brent, considered to be one of the most significant sites for British-Jewish history, as a heritage site, not only for families of the deceased, but also for local and wider communities to visit, learn, contribute and value it.

The Committee for London **AWARDED** a grant of £1,667,000 (77%)

18. From coal crop to coal tit- Camley Street Natural Park; HG-16-02316

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Grantee: London Wildlife Trust in partnership with the London Borough of Camden

The Committee for London awarded a first round pass of £1,025,300 including a development grant of £77,300, 64% of eligible development costs November 2016.

Request: Award Grant of £1,098,000 (51%)

Uplift: £150,000 (16%) Project costs had increased by £234,700 due to surveys finding significantly higher volumes of asbestos and other hazardous chemicals than expected. More consultation had resulted in improved activities and upgrades to new centre.

Project: to redevelop Camley Street Natural Park (CSNP) into an ecological knowledge hub providing a new learning centre and multi-functional learning and educational space, and to deliver a programme of activities to engage a broad range of audiences. A small café and volunteer area, office space and high quality access and welfare facilities for disabled people will be included.

The Committee for London **AWARDED** a grant of £1,098,000 (51%)

19. A Friendly Society: revealing the Foresters’ history at the Tricycle Theatre and Brent’s community stories; HG-16-01265

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Grantee: The Tricycle Theatre Company Limited

The Committee for London awarded a first round pass of First Round Pass of £644,600, including Development Grant of £23,600 in March 2017.

Request: Award Grant of £258,700 (70%)

Uplift: None

Project: to reveal the Foresters Friendly Society (FFS) heritage of the 1920s Theatre building, as well as associated care and migration stories. The activity programme would complement a transformative external capital works programme, funded externally, and would target older people, primary schools, young people, non-engaging community groups, and local adult audiences.

The Committee for London **AWARDED** a grant of £258,700 (70%).

20. St Alfege Church: Heart of Greenwich- Place and People; HG-16-02316

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Grantee: St Alfege Church, Greenwich

The Committee for London awarded a first round pass of £1,864,300 including development grant of £153,200, 79% of eligible development costs) in June 2016.

Request: Award Grant of £1,836,800 (66%)

Uplift: £125,000 (7%) Project costs associated with the detailed design scheme, scaffolding, highly-specified ramp, and churchyard had increased.

Project: To restore Grade I listed Hawksmoor St Alfege Church, located within a World Heritage Site, completing the urgent conservation and repair of the church, crypt and churchyard, and represent the church as a valuable resource for interpreting and understanding Greenwich's rich and diverse history.

The Committee for London **AWARDED** a grant of £1,836,800 (66%)

21. The St John at Hackney Project; HG-13-08579

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Grantee: St John at Hackney Church

Request: Award Grant of £1,840,000 (36%)

The Committee for London awarded a first round pass of £1,488,300 including a development grant of £149,400 (33% of eligible development costs), in December 2014.

Uplift: £501,100. The grant percentage has increased slightly from 33% to 36%. Project costs had increased significantly due to an increase in allocation for repair and conservation work following development surveys.

Project: To repair the fabric of Grade II* St John at Hackney (StJHC), open up the building's heritage with activities targeting underrepresented groups, and provide a sustainable future with improved facilities for income generation.

The Committee for London **AWARDED** a grant of £1,840,000 (36%).

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants

The Chair welcomed Ella Mizon, Big Lottery Fund representative, to the meeting.

22. Parks for People Overview

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Simona Spoglianti, Casework manager introduced the paper.

Committee noted the Overview.

23. Cranford Park; PP-16-00302

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Applicant: London Borough of Hillingdon

Request: First Round Pass of £2,503,700, including Development Grant of £221,100

Project: To restore the park and historic structures, provide new uses for the stables and cellars, and encourage new audiences through a range of activities.

Committee for London recommended the project to the Parks for People Delegated Decision Panel as a **HIGH** Priority, (2 of 2).

24. The Abney Park Restoration Project; PP-16-01305

CL 2017 (4) 24

Applicant: London Borough of Hackney

Request: First Round Pass of £4,725,500, including Development Grant of £314,100

Project: To restore and develop Grade II listed 12.5 hectare Abney Park, a local nature reserve and one of London's 'Magnificent Seven' cemeteries, which would be removed from the At Risk register. Entrances would be made accessible, historic buildings restored and new buildings developed with clear future use facilitating learning and engagement opportunities.

Committee for London recommended the project to the Parks for People Delegated Decision Panel as a **HIGH** Priority, (1 of 2).

25. Greenwich Park Revealed; PP-17-01348

CL 2017 (4) 25

Jon Sheaff left the room before discussion commenced.

Applicant: The Royal Parks

Request: First Round Pass of £4,799,900, including Development Grant of £282,600

Project: To deliver a major capital works programme at Grade I listed Greenwich Park to address key threats and celebrate designed, built and natural heritage. An activity programme will broaden the park offer, engage new audiences and develop local partnerships to expand opportunities for training, volunteering and learning.

Big Lottery Fund recommended the project as a High Priority (3 of 3) and HLF Committee for London recommended the project to the Parks for People Delegated Decision Panel as a **MEDIUM** Priority.

26. Prioritisation and feedback for first round items

Oral

Jon Sheaff was absent for the prioritisation.

Committee agreed that:

- Cranford Park (item 23) was a high priority (2 of 2);
- The Abney Park Restoration (item 24) was a high priority (1 of 2); and
- Greenwich Park revealed (item 25) was a medium priority for HLF and a high priority (3 of 3), for Big Lottery Fund.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants

27. Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives: The Story of the Second World War; HG-17-00863

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Jenny Cousins left the room before discussion commenced.

Applicant: Imperial War Museum (IWM)

Request: First Round Pass of £4,985,000, including Development Grant of £110,000

Project: To deliver new Second World War Galleries and terrace displays, new Holocaust galleries, and two digitally-enabled, flexible learning spaces at the Imperial War Museum, London. To

engage national and international audiences with the causes and course of the Second World War (SWW) and the Holocaust.

Committee for London recommended the project as a **MEDIUM** priority to the Board.

28. Stone Nest: creating a new cultural congregation; HG-17-02481

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Applicant: Stone Nest

Request: First Round Pass of £2,300,000, including Development Grant of £80,000

Project: To repair and conserve Grade II listed Welsh Chapel, improve wider access and create a performance venue and a community meeting place.

Committee for London recommended the project should be **REJECTED** due to the concerns raised.

29. CITiZAN Discovery Programmes: recording England's threatened coastal heritage and promoting responsible stewardship; HG-16-07446

CL 2017 (4) 29

Applicant: Museum of London Archaeology

Request: First Round Pass of £1,976,400 without Development Grant

Project: To deliver a 3 year cross-territory programme aiming to improve further the community-based cross-sector solution it had set up to record fragile coastal archaeology in England. It would deliver 6 community-based regional Discovery Programmes in partnership with universities to further develop volunteer networks in under-represented areas, and a stakeholder-based Responsible Stewardship initiative to create guidelines, deliver professional training and encourage sharing amongst landowners and professionals.

Committee for London recommended the project as a **HIGH** priority to the Board.

30. British Jews in the First World War - We Were There Too; HG-16-09973

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Applicant: Jewish Lads' & Girls' Brigade (JLGB) in partnership with The Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women (AJEX)

Request: First Round Pass of £421,200 including Development Grant of 58,100

Project: to collect and record the experiences of British Jewish lives' across the UK during the First World War (FWW). These would be uploaded to a digital archive and interactive website, becoming a comprehensive digital learning resource and the primary repository for information, digitalised artefacts, documents and interpretive information.

For the reasons discussed the Committee for London recommended the project should be **REJECTED**.

31. Prioritisation and feedback for first round items

Oral

Committee considered that:

- CITiZAN Discovery Programmes (item 29) was a high priority for support;
- Ordinary People, Extraordinary lives (item 27) was a medium priority for support; and
- and both British Jews in the First World War (item 30) and Stone Nest (item 28) should be recommended for rejection.

Papers for discussion

32. Corporate Update

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Committee noted the update.

Sandie Dawe and Jenny Cousins reported they had recently attended knowledge briefing sessions in London, on Crowdfunding and Google Arts Culture. The sessions had very informative. Officers would circulate the presentations to committee.

33. Communications Report

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Felix Gott, Communications Account Manager, reported on media activity during the last quarter.

Rebecca Harris would represent communications at future meetings.

Papers for information

34. Minutes from the meeting of the Regional and Country Chairs on 10 October 2017

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Committee noted the minutes.

35. Overview of Single Round Grants and Delegated Decision Making

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Committee noted the overview.

36. Annual Report on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

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Committee noted the report.

37. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 7 March 2018.