

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North West Meeting on 20 September 2018

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Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the North West held on Thursday 20 September 2018 at 10.00 a.m. in the Learning Loft at the Pioneer's Museum, Rochdale.

Members:

- Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
- Neil Cossons (Trustee)
- Nigel de Noronha
- Aileen McEvoy
- Ivan Wadeson
- Humphrey Welfare

Apologies:

- Stephen Welsh

Committee Business

1. Welcomes and apologies

Oral

The Chair, Tiffany Hunt, welcomed everyone to Rochdale.

Stephen Welsh had sent apologies to the meeting.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

Tiffany Hunt, Chair of the Committee for the North West, provided an update on her activity since the last meeting:

- Tiffany and Nathan Lee had arranged for Sir Peter Luff, NHMF Chair, to visit a number of the projects in the Lake District in August.
- She had attended a RHS presentation at Tatton Park with Aileen McEvoy.

3. Minutes from the meeting held on 21 June 2018

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

The team provided feedback from discussions with rejected applicants.

5. Corporate Update

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Sue Bowers, Deputy Director of Operations, provided an update on various pieces of work across the organisation.

6. North West Overview

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Nathan Lee, Head of HLF North West, provided an overview of the region.

He updated the Committee on a number of projects facing issues in the region.

The microgrants pilot in Barrow had been very successful and three were already closed. Evaluation of the programme would follow.

The Taylor Review pilot had launched on 3 September, focusing on listed places of worship in Greater Manchester and Suffolk.

Nathan thanked the Committee members and staff for their attendance at project openings and visits across the region.

7. North West Budget

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For 2018-19 the Committee budget for the North West region would be £5,100,000, providing a budget of £1,762,250 for the day's meeting. This budget would include first round passes, uplifts, grant increases and acquisitions.

13 first round cases totalling £7,685,000 had been received against the budget. If the second round GPOW case with uplift was awarded this would leave a budget for the meeting of £1,743,650.

Three second round projects had also been received. The Committee would be able to fund the second round projects if they were content that these were strong projects and represented excellent value for money. However, the Committee would need to find savings of around 20% at second round over the financial year.

The pipeline for the December meeting showed a total request of over £7.49m for first rounds.

8. Declarations of interest

Oral

Neil Cossons highlighted a connection with Heritage on the Dock (item 18). He was a member of the Liverpool World Heritage Task Force. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

Tiffany Hunt and Humphrey Welfare mentioned that they were members of the DAC for the Carlisle Diocese. Item 14, St Augustine's, Alston, was located in Cumbria, however neither had any knowledge of the project.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision

9. Norman Nicholson House; HG-17-06046

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Applicant: Norman Nicholson Society

Request: First round pass of £549,300 including development grant of £18,700 (44% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To purchase the former home of the poet Norman Nicholson in Millom, Cumbria; renovate the property and operate it as a multi-use visitor attraction to include a café, access to family rooms, a community hub to facilitate courses, and bed and breakfast accommodation for writers in residence and visiting academics.

The Committee for the North West **REJECTED** the application.

10. Repairs and refurbishment of Withington Baths; HG-17-06165

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Applicant: Love Withington Baths

Request: First round pass of £974,700 including development grant of £81,700 (67% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To carry out urgent restoration works at Withington Baths, Manchester alongside a programme of engagement work to ensure the Baths become an attraction in their own right as well as sustaining their original and current operation as a swimming pool and leisure centre for the local community.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £974,700 including development grant of £81,700 (67% of total eligible development costs).

11. Yesterday, Today and Forever: Saddleworth St Chad Church 'Seeing is Believing' restoration and development project; HG-17-06864

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Applicant: Saddleworth St Chad Church

Request: First round pass of £832,100 including development grant of £96,000 (78% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A programme of repairs and church building improvements, including roof replacement and masonry repairs. The works would be accompanied by a programme of supporting activities.

The Committee for the North West **REJECTED** the application.

12. Treatment of dry rot repair to lower roofs, guttering and disabled access to toilets; HG-17-06953

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Applicant: Dukinfield Old Chapel and Sunday School Property Trust

Request: First round pass of £998,900 including development grant of £100,000 (66% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Following a programme of urgent repairs through GPOW, the project would undertake repairs to a Grade II* listed Chapel, including new building works, removal of active dry rot and internal fabric repairs. An associated programme of community activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West **REJECTED** the application.

13. Gothic for the New Generation - inspiring the future through restoring our heritage; HG-17-07013

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Applicant: St John the Baptist Tuebrook

Request: First round pass of £312,900 including development grant of £43,200 (84% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To carry out repair and replacement works to the floor of St. John the Baptist Church alongside other improvement and repair works. Learning and engagement opportunities would be enhanced through the creation of a new office space, a community LEGO-build, open days and a new website.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of concerns raised and the available budget for the meeting.

14. Rekindling St Augustine's for Alston; HG-18-01555

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Applicant: St Augustine's Church, Alston

Request: First round pass of £409,600 including development grant of £63,400 (78% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To carry out repair works to the tower, spire, roof, windows and bell housing of St. Augustine's Church, Alston. Interior floor, heating and ventilation works and partial re-ordering would be undertaken to create new facilities. The programme of works would be complemented by a community engagement programme.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting.

15. Repair to Pugin tower at Scarisbrick Hall; HG-15-07869

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Applicant: Scarisbrick Hall Trust

Request: First round pass of £812,000 including development grant of £59,900 (68% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Following stabilisation works, this phase of work would undertake urgent repairs and restoration to the Gothic Revival tower at Grade I listed Scarisbrick Hall, home to Scarisbrick Hall School, and enhance access the building. A programme of activities would engage the public with the building.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting.

16. Space 2 Grow; HG-17-08320

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Applicant: St Anne's Church - Aigburth

Request: First round pass of £806,900 including development grant of £60,300 (59% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To re-order the interior of this grade II* listed church in Aigburth, Liverpool, making the space more accessible and enabling greater use by the local community. The project would also research and better present the heritage of the church, including the connections of its founding families to the slave trade and the mercantile history of the Liverpool Region.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of concerns raised.

17. Urgent high level stone/plaster repairs to facilitate a new Heritage, Arts and Culture hub; HG-17-08369

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Applicant: Holy Trinity Church, Warrington

Request: First round pass of £422,200 including development grant of £52,500 (94% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A programme of urgent repairs to Grade II* listed Holy Trinity Church in Warrington, Cheshire. Works would include high-level masonry work, renewal of associated rainwater goods, leadwork and internal plastering. The improved space would facilitate a programme of associated events and activities.

The Committee for the North West **REJECTED** the application.

18. Heritage on the Dock; HG-18-00138

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Applicant: Liverpool City Council

Request: First round pass of £343,300 including development grant of £28,000 (57% of total eligible development costs)

Project: An activity-based project exploring the history of Albert Dock in Liverpool over the past 50-60 years, delivering community engagement activities and developing material for new interpretation. The project would celebrate the 175th anniversary of Albert Dock with a programme of large high-profile public events.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £343,300 including a development grant of £28,000 (57% of total eligible development costs).

19. St James' Anglican Church Mission and Heritage Preservation Programme; HG-18-00458

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Applicant: St James Church Brightmet

Request: First round pass of £350,900 including development grant of £34,300 (72% of total eligible development costs)

Project: The first of three phases of repair works to the Grade II listed St James' Church, Brightmet, Bolton. A programme of heritage engagement activities with the local community would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West **REJECTED** the application.

20. Restoration of Grade II* Church and development of community activities; HG-18-01492

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Applicant: Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish, Wallasey

Request: First round pass of £553,800 including development grant of £29,200 (50% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To carry out repairs and new work to the Grade II* listed Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish Church in Wallasey and deliver a programme of activities to engage the local community with its heritage.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £553,800 including development grant of £29,200 (50% of total eligible development costs).

21. Regenerating Fingerpost Church, Phase 2; HG-17-07116

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Applicant: Holy Trinity Church, Parr Mount, St Helens

Request: First round pass of £317,600 including development grant of £45,400 (91% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A second phase of repairs and new work to the Grade II Holy Trinity Church in Parr Mount, St Helens. A programme of heritage activities including the development of a community garden would help engage young people.

The Committee for the North West **REJECTED** the application.

22. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

During the case by case discussions:

- Withington Baths (item 10), Heritage on the Dock (item 18) and Restoration of Grade II* Church, Holy Apostles (item 20) represented a high priority for support
- Gothic for the New Generation (item 13), Rekindling St Augustine's for Alston (item 14), Pugin tower at Scarisbrick Hall (item 15) represented a medium priority for support
- Space 2 Grow (item 16) represented a low priority for support
- Norman Nicholson House (item 9), Yesterday, Today and Forever (item 11), Dukinfield Old Chapel (item 12), Heritage, Arts and Culture hub (item 17), St James' Anglican Church Mission and Heritage Preservation Programme (item 19) and Regenerating Fingerpost Church (item 21) should be rejected.

Noting the available budget for the financial year and pipeline for November, the Committee awarded first round passes to the three high priority projects.

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision

23. The Lancashire League Experience: Celebrating 125 Years of the Lancashire Cricket League; HG-16-02695

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Grantee: Lancashire Cricket League

Request: Award grant of £326,200 (73%)

Project: 30 month project to catalogue and interpret the heritage of Lancashire's cricket for the first time. The Lancashire Cricket League would work alongside volunteers and partners to research, survey, catalogue and archive artefacts and memorabilia currently held by 24 cricket clubs affiliated to the Lancashire Cricket League. The project would provide intergenerational activities, targeting school children and older people, and a series of exhibitions.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £366,700 including development grant of £28,600 (85%) in March 2017.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of concerns raised.

24. Peterloo 2019; HG-16-08511

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Grantee: Peterloo 2019

Request: Award grant of £181,900 (66%)

Project: To develop and deliver an extensive programme of activities to celebrate and commemorate the history of the 1819 Peterloo Massacre during its 200 year anniversary in 2019. The project aims to create a lasting legacy and raise awareness of the Massacre both among the general public and within formal learning environments. The project would create an interactive archive, website, immersive digital learning tools to engage with audiences across Greater Manchester and beyond.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £251,100 including development grant of £69,200 (54% of total eligible development costs) in June 2017.

The Committee for the North West considered the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a grant of £181,900 (66%).

25. Urgent Structural Repairs to Grade I Listed Cast Iron Church; GP-16-05213

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Grantee: St Michael in the Hamlet with St Andrew Parochial Church Council

Request: Award grant of £227,700 (62%) including an uplift of £18,600 (19%) due to higher than anticipated tender returns for the works.

Project: To carry out urgent structural repairs to the north aisle roof of the Grade I listed church in Toxteth Park, Liverpool, and improve interpretation of its heritage. A complementary programme of activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £231,300 including development grant of £22,200 (85% of total eligible development costs) in March 2017.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £227,700 (62%).

26. Prioritisation and feedback for second round items

Oral

There was no need to prioritise the items.

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

27. Rediscovering the Underbanks, Stockport's Old Town; TH-16-00021

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Grantee: Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Request: Award grant of £1,789,200 (25%)

Project: A five-year scheme to restore key properties in part of the 'Old Town' area of Stockport town centre and associated public realm improvements to create a vibrant retail, cultural and residential destination around the Underbanks and Market Place. The scheme would target the most at risk and vacant buildings and sites and would improve the distinctive public realm. A programme of activities would be delivered to tell the story of the traditional High Street.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £1,842,200 including development grant of £53,000 (77% of total eligible development costs) in January 2017.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

28. Cheshire's archives: a story shared; HG-16-05477

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Applicant: Cheshire West & Chester Council

Request: First round pass of £4,999,900 including development grant of £556,700 (54% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To provide new activities and facilities in two new buildings, meeting modern standards for safeguarding and connecting communities with the collections in a sustainable way. Archive and local studies collections from across Cheshire would be stored and made available at the Chester Centre, next to Chester Station. The Crewe Centre would occupy the site of the now redundant

and soon to be demolished Crewe Library. The Centres would open public areas and feature artworks inspired by the collections.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 of 2)** for support.

29. The Nature of Industry - rediscovering the working landscape of the Sankey Canal; HG-17-06841

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Applicant: Halton Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £2,031,100 including development grant of £31,100 (14% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A partnership project to create an arts, leisure and heritage corridor along a 16 mile long stretch of the Sankey Canal from St Helens to Widnes. Proposed physical interventions and community engagement initiatives would increase opportunities for sustainable commuting, improve recreational facilities, and promote health and wellbeing.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board for **REJECTION**.

30. MI:Space - Bringing education and training back into Burnley Mechanics; HG-18-01458

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Applicant: Burnley Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £1,945,700 including development grant of £92,500 (83% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Working in partnership, the project would conserve the fabric of the Grade II* Burnley Mechanics Institute, improve its infrastructure and operation, and uncover and increase access to its historic features and social history. Burnley College would lease the redeveloped lower ground floor as a learning space to connect education, the community and professionals.

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

31. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee ranked the two high priority cases:

- High 1. MI: Space - Bringing education and training back into Burnley Mechanics (item 30)
- High 2. Cheshire's archives: a story shared (item 28)

Papers for information

32. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report.

33. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 6 December 2018.