

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for South East England Meeting on 29 November 2017

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Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the South East of England held on 29 November 2017 at 9.30a.m. in the London Office

Members:

- Maria Adebawale-Schwarte (Chair)
- Perdita Hunt (Trustee)
- Andrew Blessley
- Bill Ferris
- Helen Jackson
- Debbie Tann

Apologies:

- Susan McCormack

Committee Business

1. Welcomes

Oral

The Chair welcomed Uzma Ravat the new Team Assistant.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

Maria Adebawale-Schwarte noted her attendance at the Regional and Country Chairs meeting and updated the Committee. The Chair also welcomed the new strategic format of the regional report, designed by the acting Head of Region, this view was also shared by the Committee.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 5 September 2017

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

5. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Bill Ferris noted his position as Chief Executive of Chatham Historic Dockyard in relation to item 8 *TS Eliot Modern Poetry Gallery*, as the project applicant (The University of Kent) was a tenant. The committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict.

6. Regional Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

7. Budget Paper

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Lucy Perry presented the paper.

There were four HG first round cases. The projects total £3,929,600 against a budget of £2,780,450 for the meeting, based on an equal division of the budget between the four meetings whilst allowing for quarterly adjustments in response to demand.

Eilish McGuinness presented information on future funding issues.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants and Heritage Enterprise

8. TS Eliot Modern Poetry Gallery; HG-16-00720

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Applicant: The University of Kent at Canterbury

Request: First round pass of £389,600, including Development Grant of £38,700 (65% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To create a public gallery within Eliot College (University of Kent) that would permanently exhibit collections related to TS Eliot and modern poetry and host changing exhibits enabling better access to these works. A range of activities would support this project including a variety of poetry-related events, training and volunteering.

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

9. HOPE for the Future - Heritage, Outreach and Preservation of Entomology; HG-17-02173

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Applicant: Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Request: First round pass of £767,400, including Development Grant of £63,700 (75% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To conserve and preserve one of the world's leading entomological collections (approximately 1.1 million insect specimens) currently housed in the Westwood Room at Oxford University Museum of Natural History. The collection would be transferred, conserved and re-organised and the Westwood Room restored and re-designed to exhibition standard. A range of activity would include a series of open days and tours, a programme for schools and community outreach.

The Committee for the South East of England agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £767,400, including development grant of £63,700 (75% of total eligible development costs).

10. Highdown Gardens- Stern's Chalk Garden (Propagation in Action); HG-17-03447

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Applicant: Worthing Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £909,700, including Development Grant of £96,500 (64% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To improve the visitor offer at Highdown Gardens on the edge of the South Downs National Park and protect and share the Garden's heritage collections. A new visitor centre would be created and repairs carried out on existing structures. Activities would include apprenticeships, volunteering and digitisation of the collection.

The Committee for the South East of England agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £909,700, including development grant of £96,500 (64% of total eligible development costs).

11. Transforming the New Forest Centre; HG-16-07791

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Applicant: New Forest Ninth Centenary Trust

Request: First round pass of £1,862,900, including Development Grant of £19,200 (86% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To redesign and develop the New Forest Centre in Lyndhurst, Hampshire, including capital work to improve public event space, galleries, visitor access and environmental conditions. Activities would include community- focussed co-creative design development, volunteer opportunities, outreach, skills development and a variety of events.

The Committee for South East England considered the project a medium priority, but **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting.

12. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

There was no need to prioritise.

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants and Heritage Enterprise

13. Rediscovering Walmer Pleasure Gardens; HG-16-03533

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Grantee: English Heritage

Request: Award grant of £1,350,000 (58%)

Project: The project will restore and reinterpret the Pleasure Grounds at Walmer Castle. This would include repair to the paddock, glen and Victorian glasshouses. The project would create walks and trails, a café and an education space. Accompanying this work would be a programme of community engagement activity.

The Committee for the South East of England had awarded a first round pass of £1,463,800 including development grant of £113,800 (61% of total eligible development costs) in 2016.

The Committee for the South East of England **AWARDED** a grant of £1,350,000 (58%).

14. Bat & Ball Station Building- restoration Grade II Listed building for community use; HE-15-00797

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Grantee: Sevenoaks Town Council

Request: Award grant of £755,600 (51%)

Project: To establish a viable new business in a refurbished Grade II Listed building which was the first train station in Sevenoaks. The building would offer hireable venue space to the local community, in addition to a platform café to serve train commuters and a retail outlet for the sale of Kent produce. There would be a range of education, interpretation and engagement activities, with plans for permanent interpretation boards on the social and architectural heritage of the station to be installed.

The Committee for the South East of England had awarded a first round pass of £755,600 without development funding in February 2017.

The Committee for the South East of England **AWARDED** a grant of £755,600 (51%)

Grants for Places of Worship

15. GPOW Overview and Applications

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The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
15a.	Restoration of the iconic tower of St Peter's - Phase 2c	St Peter's Brighton	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £250,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £11,600 (83% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15b.	Urgent investigations and repairs to the Chancel of St Mary's Church	St Mary's Banbury Parochial Church Council	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £250,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £30,300 (64% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15c.	Raising and repairing the roof of Grendon Underwood Church	The Parochial Church Council, St Leonard's Church Grendon Underwood	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £209,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £22,000 (64% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15d.	Conserving and Protecting Bellot	Quarr Abbey	REJECT
15e.	Repair and Conservation of St Hubert's Church, Idsworth	The Friends of the Church of St Hubert Idsworth Trust	REJECT
15f.	Restoration of the church roof to preserve and enhance its use for the local community	St John the Baptist Church Tunstall Kent	REJECT
15g.	Saving the tower of St. Peter's Church, Gayhurst	St. Peter's Gayhurst PCC	REJECT
15h.	St James - Fit to Serve	PCC St James, Leckhampstead	REJECT
15i.	All Saints Spelsbury	All Saints Spelsbury	REJECT
15j.	Retiling and insulating the nave roof of the Grade 1 listed parish church	Pagham PCC	REJECT
15k.	Fabric Restoration - All Saints Church, Patcham	All Saints Church, Patcham	REJECT
15l.	Phase 3 restoration - Drainage system and West Window	St Nicholas Church, Arundel	REJECT
15m.	Urgent Repairs to All Saints Church, East Garston	East Garston PCC	REJECT

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
15n.	Replacement of church roof and internal/external repair of walls	St Michael & St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox Church, Margate	REJECT
15o.	Repairs to the pre-conquest western tower, and glass entrance	St Dunstan's PCC, West Peckham	REJECT
15p.	Preserving and interpreting for visitors the heritage of the Harcourt Chapel	St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt	REJECT
15q.	St Gregory - a church for the Community	PCC, Parish of Welford with Wickham	REJECT
15r.	Five Churches Walk and Repair to the Church Roof of St. Mary The Virgin Brighstone	Brighstone Parochial Church Council	REJECT
15s.	Repairing the spire at St Andrew's, Alfriston	Alfriston	REJECT
15t.	Quinquennial Repairs 2016	St Peter and St Paul Church Milton PCC	REJECT
15u.	Repair works to St Laurence Church, Caversfield	St Laurence Church, Caversfield	REJECT
15v.	Repairs and improvements to Eastling Church	Eastling Parochial Church Council	REJECT
15w.	Internal restoration and re-ordering including provision of toilet and servery replacement of heating	St Mary's Church Ludgershall	REJECT
15x.	Holy Cross Church Binsted Hampshire Bell Tower Repair Works	Church of the Holy Cross	REJECT
15y.	Halting Deterioration of Iconic, Regency Brighton Unitarian Church Classic Portico	Brighton Unitarian Church	AWARD GRANT OF £227,500 (53%)

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

16. All the Whistles and Bells: digital artefact typologies for shipwreck fixtures and fittings (Cross Territory); HG-16-07913

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Applicant: Maritime Archaeology Trust (Hampshire & Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology)

Request: First Round Pass of £1,234,500, including Development Grant of £39,500 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Developing archaeological typologies (systems of classification) for ship fixtures and fittings, to produce a new digital database as a research and learning resource. The project would train volunteers in areas including data recording and handling, working with digital data and photography. It would also engage amateur divers and diving volunteers to collect information through workshops and dive days on wreck sites.

The Committee for South East England considered the project a **LOW PRIORITY** for support.

17. Wymering Manor Reborn; HG-13-13114

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Applicant: Wymering Manor Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £2,600,000, including Development Grant of £353,000 (79% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To conserve, repair and upgrade grade II* Wymering Manor House in Portsmouth. The project would undertake structural and aesthetic repairs as well as the installation of accessibility and security features. The interior would be revived and re-organised to create multi-purpose community spaces and offices, and exterior landscaping would enhance accessibility. Activities include training in building conservation, heritage management and horticulture in partnership with higher education institutions, as well as and community volunteering and activities for schools and families.

The Committee for South East England considered the project a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 of 2)** for support.

18. Theatre Royal Margate & 19 Hawley Square; HE-17-01860

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Applicant: Soho Theatre

Request: First Round Pass of £4,926,300, including Development Grant of £545,700 (83% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To bring Theatre Royal Margate and 19 Hawley Square back into viable commercial use through a joint theatre and hotel venture. Essential repair and restoration would include work on the theatre auditorium, the fabric of the theatre building, reinstatement of the hotel's historic façade and creation of a restaurant, bar, 12 guest rooms and courtyard. A range of community engagement activities centred on the history of the Theatre Royal would be offered alongside the project.

The Committee for South East England considered the project a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 of 2)** for support

19. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee prioritised the cases as follows:

- Theatre Royal Margate and 19 Hawley Square (High 1 of 2)
- Wymering Manor Reborn (High 2 of 2)
- All the Whistles and Bells: digital artefact typologies for shipwreck fixtures and fittings (Low)

Papers for information

20. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted report.

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

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The Committee noted report.

22. Annual Report on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

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The Committee noted report.

23. Overview of Single Round Grants and Delegated Decision Making 2016/2017

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The Committee noted report.

24. Communications Report

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The Committee noted report.

25. Corporate Update

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The Committee noted report.

26. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 28 February 2018