

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the East Midlands Meeting on 10 March 2015

CEM 2015 (1) Summary report

Summary report of the Committee for the East Midlands held on Tuesday 10 March 2015 at 10.00 a.m. in the Nottingham office.

Members: Jim Harker (Chair)
Mo Cooper
John Everitt
Geoff Nickolds
Atul Patel (Trustee)
David Stocker

Apologies: Jean MacIntyre

Observing: Heather Broughton

1. Chair's Report Oral

Jim Harker, Chair, welcomed Heather Broughton to the meeting as an observer. He mentioned that Jean MacIntyre was unable to attend her final meeting as a Committee member. He thanked her for her work on behalf of the Committee and team. He also welcomed Reiss Jones, Team Apprentice to the team.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 9 December 2014 CEM 2015 (1) 2

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes Oral

There were none.

4. Regional overview CEM 2015 (1) 4

Vanessa Harbar presented the Regional Overview.

5. Budget paper CEM 2015 (1) 5

Three second round applications and two first round development grant requests had been received totalling £2,636,100 against the budget allocation of £2,276,400. If applications were to meet the quality threshold there was sufficient budget to fund them.

Two first round applications totalling £1,798,400 had been received against a budget of £2,447,400.

6. Declarations of Interest Oral

John Everitt declared an interest in item 7, Black to Green, as the Chief Executive of the National Forest Company.

David Stocker and Jean MacIntyre declared an interest in item 21, Lincoln Cathedral. David mentioned that he was a member of the Lincoln Cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee and had

advised the applicant on the application. Jean was an employee of Bishop Grosseteste University, a partner organisation. She was not in attendance at the meeting.

Atul Patel mentioned that in relation to item 9, Leicester's Parks and item 19, Main Line - Bridging the Nation, his wife was the Assistant Mayor of Leicester City Council. She had no knowledge of project and the Committee considered that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

Geoff Nickolds mentioned that he was a Council Member at the National Trust who were a partner on item 14, the Capability Brown project. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

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**7. Black to Green: from coal pits to tree tops –
Derbyshire; HG-12-00017**

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John Everitt declared an interest in the item and left the room before the discussion commenced.

The National Forest Company sought funding for a project to engage communities in the 'Heart of the Forest' with the area's industrial and natural heritage. The scheme would provide training in its care and management and would improve conservation management and governance for a sustainable future. Access between heritage sites would also be enhanced and significant improvements would be made to interpretation of remnant industrial heritage features. An associated programme of activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands awarded a first round pass of £857,500 including a development grant of £98,800 (83% of total eligible development costs) in March 2013. An uplift of £11,900 (2%) was sought due to slight increases in costs across capital and activities in response to consultation.

The Committee awarded a grant of £770,600 (70%).

8. Tunnelling through the past - Laundries and Learning:

Life below stairs in a Country House, Northampton; HG-12-02896

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The Kelmarsh Trust sought funding to repair and conserve the stable block buildings at Kelmarsh Hall and to open them up for the first time to the public as a learning and heritage resource. The attached laundry complex and connecting tunnel to the main house would be reinstated to make the basement area containing the bake house, footman's room, wine cellar, brew house and butler's pantry, publicly accessible. An associated programme of learning and participation activities related to the 'below stairs' and laundry theme would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands awarded a first round pass of £983,000 including a development grant of £71,500 (74% of total eligible development costs) in December 2012. An uplift of £333,400 (37%) was sought due to better understanding of repair needs, structural stabilisation, access requirements, equipment and project management requirements.

The Committee awarded a grant of £1,244,900 (80%).

9. The Story of Leicester's Parks; HG-13-06937

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Leicester City Council sought funding for a two year project repair and restore the lodge gates at Victoria Park London Road entrance and Peace Walk gates at Lancaster Road and University Road. An activity and engagement programme focused on the park's history and the role it had

played in the history of Leicester would also be delivered. The project had been expanded significantly to include 16 parks and open spaces and four cemeteries across Leicester.

The Committee for the East Midlands awarded a first round pass of £276,200 including a development grant of £19,000 (75% of total eligible development costs) in December 2013. A significant uplift of £245,100 (95%) was sought due to an increase in costs for the repair and restoration of the gates, the inclusion of more activities across a greater number of venues, the expansion of Project Officer's post and an increase in volunteer opportunities.

The Committee awarded a grant of £502,300 (72%).

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision

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10. The Old School, Bottesford's Community Heritage Centre CEM 2015 (1) 10

Bottesford Parish Council sought a first round pass of £766,300 including a development grant of £41,500 (74%) for a project to adapt and conserve the Bottesford Old School as a heritage centre and mixed use community space and library. The proposals would unite the current library and community venues and add a newly built heritage resource centre. Works would see the building restored to reinstate original architectural detail hidden by false ceilings and to correct poor maintenance and painting schemes would threaten the fabric of the building. A range of heritage and community activities would be delivered.

The Committee **rejected** the application due to concerns raised.

11. Quorn Heritage, Arts and Community Centre, Leicestershire; HG-13-20140 CEM 2015 (1) 11

Quorn Old School Trust sought a first round pass of £1,032,100 including a development grant of £76,800 (50%) to create a community hub with library, café, office space and heritage room within the currently vacant Quorn Old School. Plans would conserve and refurbish the 180 year old building to become a multi-use venue to provide activities to support the long term sustainability of the building.

The Committee **rejected** the application due to concerns raised.

12. Prioritisation of first round items Oral

There was no need to prioritise the first round items.

13. Grants for Places of Worship Applications CEM 2015 (1) 13

In the East Midlands, five first round applications were received with a grant request of £806,800 against a budget of £339,500. On English Heritage advice, two of these projects were not taken forward to further assessment and were recommended for rejection.

One second round case had requested a grant of £280,600 which included an uplift on the first round award of £83,500 due to extend of need and repairs revealed during investigations. This request was above the delegation threshold for the Head of Region and therefore the Committee were asked to consider the application.

The Committee took the following decisions:

	Title	Applicant	Decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second round application 			
13a	Securing a warm welcome to Holy Trinity Lenton for the 21st Century	Holy Trinity Lenton	AWARD GRANT OF £280,600 (82%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF4 First round applications 			
13b	St Peter's Church, stabilisation, restoration and refurbishment.	St Peter's Church, Raunds, Northants	AWARD FIRST ROUND PASS OF £217,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £40,500 (81% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
13c	Fotheringhay Church heritage Project – Building for the future	PCC St Mary and All Saints Fotheringhay Peterborough	REJECT
13d	Restoration of Lady Chapel roof and adjoining fabric at Christ Church, Northampton	Lady Chapel Christ Church, Northampton	REJECT
13e	Urgent and essential roof, stonework, rainwater and leadwork repairs	St Peter and St Pauls Church, Weedon Bec, Northants	REJECT
13e	Protecting the architectural heritage of All Saint's Church	All Saints Church, Kirkby Mallory, Leicestershire	REJECT

SF4 Second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

- **Heritage Grants: March Meeting**

14. Capability Brown Festival; HG-13-08210

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The Landscape Institute sought a grant of £911,100 (55%) to celebrate the Tercentenary of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown's birth in 2016. The project aimed to tell the story of Capability Brown's creative achievements, impact on the landscape and his legacy, and to present Brown's landscapes as a national heritage collection for the first time. Project outputs would include the development of a database, hosted by the Parks and Gardens UK website, as the authoritative resource for historic parks and gardens including all Capability Brown sites. The project would be delivered across all English regions and Wales, using a network of intermediary sites to signpost and inform visitors about other local sites.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £905,200 including development grant of £139,200 (51% of total eligible development costs) at the meeting in January 2014. An uplift of £145,100 (19%) reflected the applicant's improved understanding of its audience development ambitions and the management demands of this ambitious project.

The Committee considered that the project represented **high priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in March 2015.

SF4 First round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

- **Heritage Grants: March Meeting**

15. Connecting Communities to their local heritage; HG-14-07768 CEM 2015 (1) 15

Civic Voice Liverpool sought a first round pass of £2,690,700 including a development grant of £95,700 (81%) towards a four-year project to assess the condition of 75% of England's Grade II listed buildings (over 270,000 buildings) and create online materials relating to the condition and maintenance of these assets. This England-wide project would be delivered in partnership with the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, North of England Civic Trust and the Architectural Heritage Fund with support from English Heritage. The survey would be undertaken by trained volunteers with the support of historic environment specialists.

The Committee considered that the project represented **low priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in March 2015.

16. The history and heritage of the National Union of Students, a historical archive; HG-13-10719 CEM 2015 (1) 16

The National Union of Students sought a first round pass of £445,900 including a development grant of £45,000 (93%) towards a project which aimed to identify, collect, catalogue, preserve and make available important archives relating to the UK's student movement. The project would build an alumni group of former NUS student officers and staff. Members would have the opportunity to maintain contact with NUS and its activities, donate material to the archive, provide oral history recordings and take part in a mentoring scheme between former and current student officers.

The Committee considered that the project represented **medium priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in March 2015.

17. Rambert at 90; HG-14-07342 CEM 2015 (1) 17

Rambert Dance Company and Rambert Trust Ltd sought a first round pass of £339,400 including a development grant of £31,800 (66%) towards a project to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Rambert Dance Company through a touring exhibition and activity project in support of their 2016/17 tour. An exhibition covering Rambert and its history would be developed and displayed at the Lowry, Salford to include materials such as photographs, programmes and costumes held in the Rambert archive. A programme of learning and participation opportunities would be delivered.

The Committee considered that the project represented **medium-high priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in March 2015.

- **Major Grants: April Meeting**

18. Major grants overview CEM 2015 (1) 18

The Committee noted the overview.

19. Main Line – Bridging the Nation, Leicester; HG-14-04702 CEM 2015 (1) 19

Great Central Railway (GCR) Plc sought a first round pass of £9,999,400 including a development grant of £494,500 (45%) to create a new, world class heritage railway museum in Leicester. The museum would house some of the most iconic locomotives, artefacts and images from the national and local collections to form one of the largest collections of its kind. In addition, an operating railway would be integrated alongside the museum with restoration works taking place in public view. A dedicated education space with direct access to the main exhibition would create an interactive learning environment.

This was a resubmission of an application previously rejected by the Board in April 2014. The project was a high priority for the Board but rejected in light of the available budget.

The Committee considered that the project represented **high priority (2 of 3)** for support. The Board would determine the application in April 2015.

20. Derby Silk Mill - Museum of Making; HG-14-05363 **CEM 2015 (1) 20**

Derby Museums sought a first round pass of £9,387,700 including a development grant of £797,300 (53%) to repair, develop and re-open Derby Silk Museum as a Museum of Making, revealing its full scale for the first time. The project would involve the people of Derby in the making of the Museum, re-introducing manufacturing to the site of the world's first factory. An associated programme of activities would be delivered.

This was a resubmission of an application previously rejected by the Board in April 2014. The project was rejected due to its high risk in relation to uncertainty around a new City Council storage centre for its collections and in light of the available budget.

The Committee considered that the project represented **high priority (3 of 3)** for support. The Board would determine the application in April 2015.

21. Lincoln Cathedral Connected; HG-14-06761 **CEM 2015 (1) 21**

David Stocker declared an interest in the item and left the room before the discussion commenced.

Lincoln Cathedral sought a first round pass of £12,365,800 including a development grant of £909,700 (77%) to address urgent repairs to one of Europe's finest medieval cathedrals. The project would increase visitor numbers through access enhancements, improved interpretation of the Cathedral's stories and delivery of a programme of activities. A new interpretation centre would provide space to display currently inaccessible collections and new community and education facilities would be provided.

This was a resubmission of an application previously rejected by the Board in April 2014. The project was a high priority for the Board but rejected in light of the available budget.

The Committee considered that the project represented **high priority (1 of 3)** for support. The Board would determine the application in April 2015.

22. Prioritisation of major grant cases **Oral**

During the case by discussions, the Committee considered that all three projects represented high priority for support. Members considered that Lincoln Cathedral represented the highest priority for support. Main Line – Bridging the Nation was the second highest priority and Derby Silk Mill the third.

Items for information

23. Business planning and strategy update **Oral**

Anne Jenkins introduced the business planning and strategy update. A formal review of the Strategic Framework would be conducted at the Board meeting in October.

24. Communications Report **CEM 2015 (1) 24**

Tom Williams, Media Officer, presented the Communications Report.

He highlighted that it had been a busy period for grant announcements and openings across region. On 17 May, the results of the 'Britain Thinks' research would be made public, looking at HLF investment across towns and cities. In the East Midlands, Newark had been used as a case study.

25. Minutes of recent Board meetings

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The Committee noted the paper.

26. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 9 June 2015.