

# Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for North West Meeting on 8 September

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**Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for North West held on Thursday 8 September at 9.30 a.m. at The Florence Institute, 377 Mill Street, Liverpool, L8 4RB.**

## Members:

- Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
- Nigel de Noronha
- Jim Dixon (Trustee)
- Steve Garland
- Ivan Wadeson
- Humphrey Welfare
- Stephen Welsh

## Apologies:

- Aileen McEvoy

## Committee Business

### 1. Welcomes and apologies

Oral

The Chair welcomed Sir Peter Luff, Chair of NHMF and Nathan Lee, the new Head of Region for the North West team. Introductions took place around the room.

Aileen McEvoy had sent apologies to the meeting.

### 2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair reported that she had attended a number of visits in the last quarter, and thanked members for their attendance at events and launches across the region.

### 3. Minutes from the meeting held on 9 June 2016

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

### 4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

The Development team were undertaking work into applicant statistics, including diversity and barriers to applying, and would provide the Committee with further information at the next Committee meeting.

### 5. North West Overview

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Sara Hilton, Head of HLF North West, presented the Regional Overview.

## Staff changes

Since the last meeting there had been a number of changes in the team. Sally Smith, Casework Manager, had left her role in July. The Committee noted their appreciation for her work in the North West team. They were pleased to hear that Laura Ward had been appointed to the Casework Manager role.

## **Somme Centenary**

Sara Hilton and Tiffany Hunt had attended the national commemoration of the Somme Centenary at Manchester Cathedral on 1 July.

## **New initiatives**

The Great Place Scheme launched on 4 August across England. A number of initial enquiries had been received in the North West and expressions of interest were invited by 6 October with a full application expected by 12 January 2017. 12 places would be selected across England.

Kick the Dust, HLF's new youth-focused programme would be launching in the autumn. Workshops would be held across the UK in October with the project enquiry deadline on 2 December 2016 and full applications by 20 February 2017. Decisions would be made by the Board in June 2017.

## **Development work**

There was huge emphasis on diversity in grant giving. Black History Month would provide an opportunity for outward-facing activities including drop in sessions across the region for currently underrepresented groups. The team would create an eNewsletter featuring BME projects.

## **6. North West Budget**

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Three first round applications had been received with a request of £2,566,300 against a budget of £4,986,400. This would give a possible success rate of 100% should the applications meet the quality threshold.

The Committee discussed the reduced competition for projects at Committee level and questioned whether the drop was from a particular sector or type of applicant. The Development Manager would look into this by the next meeting. They were pleased to note that project enquiries remained high.

## **7. Declarations of interest**

**Oral**

Stephen Welsh and Nigel de Noronha noted links to item 13, From Cradle to Grave.

- Stephen Welsh was an employee at the Manchester Museum; part of the University of Manchester.
- Nigel de Noronha had worked at the University of Manchester through his PhD studies.
- Jim Dixon reported that Jim Dixon Associates Ltd had received a grant from Visit England and would be working with the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine at the University of Manchester who were responsible for some of the research elements of the project.

The Committee were content that these did not constitute conflicts of interest.

## **SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants**

### **8. Father Willis pipe organ rebuild; HG-15-08517**

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Applicant: Parochial Church Council of St Aiden Rochdale

Request: First round pass of £442,800 including development grant of £1,400 (15%)

Project: To restore and repair a rare Father Willis Pipe Organ, to include the installation of interactive features to enable people to view its internal workings remotely. An associated programme of activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised.

## **9. Refurbishment of Art Deco Fire Station, redisplay of fire-fighting collections and wide ranging engagement programme; HG-16-00117**

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Applicant: Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Trust

Request: First round pass of £1,807,300 including development grant of £108,000 (82%)

Project: To develop an enhanced fire service museum within the old Rochdale Fire Station building. The building would be repaired and restored with a new museum display space, reception and café and retail area. A series of volunteering opportunities and a programme of activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,807,300 including development grant of £108,000 (82%).

## **10. Out of the Box: making Chester's archaeological archives accessible; HG-16-01138**

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Applicant: Cheshire West and Chester Council

Request: First round pass of £316,200 including development grant of £22,800 (75%)

Project: To provide a more coherent and accessible archive for Chester. The scheme would create a catalogue from 1990 to 2011, digitise artefacts and corresponding paperwork and complement the existing project covering the archives up to 1990. Responsibility for Chester's Archaeological Archive would be transferred from the Historic Environment Team at Cheshire West and Chester Council to West Cheshire Museums.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised.

## **11. Prioritisation of first round cases**

**Oral**

During the case by case discussions, the Committee considered that:

- Refurbishment of Art Deco Fire Station (item 9) represented a high priority for support.
- Father Willis pipe organ rebuild (item 8) and Out of the Box (item 10) represented a low priority for support.

The Committee awarded a first round pass to Refurbishment of Art Deco Fire Station. The two remaining cases were rejected due to concerns raised.

## **SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Grants for Places of Worship**

### **12. Grants for Places of Worship Overview**

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Laura Ward, Casework Manager, presented the GPOW overview.

In the North West, seven first-round applications with a grant request of £1,475,800 were received against a regional budget of £1,099,100. At the initial sift, Historic England advised that two applications appeared to be less urgent. No further assessment was undertaken and they were recommended for rejection (12f and 12g).

The remaining five cases (12a-e) underwent full assessment and Historic England provided detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works. HLF assessment also looked at how well the applications met outcomes for communities.

Items 12a-c were considered the highest priorities for support and awarded first round passes. The two remaining first round cases were considered medium value for money and discussed on their merits. The Committee chose to award a first round pass to St Michael & All Angels, Wirral (12d). St Mary's Church, Barrow (12e) was deemed the weaker of the two applications as community outcomes were assessed as low. The project was rejected in light of the available budget for the meeting.

A grant increase for £32,700 had been received for St Nicholas, Burnage (12h).

With reference to the budget for the meeting, the Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision	Project Reference
12a.	Ss Peter, Paul and Philomena Church, Wallasey	Ss Peter, Paul and Philomena's Church, Wallasey	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £250,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £27,100 (87% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-16-00895
12b.	St Mary's Church, Prescot	PCC St Mary's Church, Prescot	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £250,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £21,700 (95% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-16-00464
12c.	St Peter's Church, Darwen	St Peter's Church Darwen	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £230,100 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £23,200 (70% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-06697
12d.	St Michael & All Angels, Wirral	St Michael and All Angels Church, Wirral	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £236,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £26,900 (81% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-08515
12e.	St Mary's Church, Barrow	Parish of St Mary in Furness	REJECT	GP-16-01104
12f.	St Michael's Church, Kirkby Thore	St Michael's Church, Kirkby Thore	REJECT	GP-16-00466
12g.	The Victoria Hall, Bolton	Bolton Methodist Mission	REJECT	GP-15-08635
12h.	St Nicholas Church, Burnage	Church of St Nicholas, Burnage	AWARD GRANT INCREASE OF £32,700 TO MAKE A TOTAL GRANT OF £181,700 (75% OF TOTAL PROJECT COSTS)	GP-13-05161

#### **SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants (September)**

**13. From Cradle to Grave: The NHS at 70 (cross territory); HG-13-21206**

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Applicant: University of Manchester

Request: First round pass of £826,700 including development grant of £235,900 (60%)

Project: A cross-territory project to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHS through exploring its place in post-war British society. The heritage of the NHS would be researched and commemorated through a digital platform, training for 245 people to undertake oral histories and interviews and a programme of heritage events.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

## **SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Landscape Partnership (October)**

### **14. Landscape Partnerships Overview**

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The Committee noted the overview.

### **15. Fellfoot Forward; LP-15-05676**

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Applicant: North Pennines AONB Partnership

Request: First round pass of £2,105,500 including development grant of £115,500 (84%)

Project: A four and a half year partnership scheme to create a more resilient landscape through natural flood management, connecting fragmented woodlands, restoring peatland and conserving species. The project would increase understanding of heritage and improve access and visitor services.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 of 2)** for support.

### **16. Westmorland Dales Hidden Landscapes; LP-15-02547**

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Applicant: Friends of the Lake District

Request: First round pass of £2,497,600 including development grant of £224,200 (71%)

Project: To record, reveal and protect the hidden heritage of the Westmorland Dales and enable more people to engage with the landscape. Important geological sites would be revealed, improving access, visibility and information and species-rich grasslands would be enhanced and habitats connected. Dry-stone walls and historic built features would be surveyed and conserved. Farmers and apprentices would be trained in heritage-focused land management and volunteers in excavation, surveying and recording techniques. Interpretation, themed trails, events and marketing would encourage people to explore the landscape.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 of 2)** for support.

## **Papers for information**

### **17. Communications Report**

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The report was noted.

## **18. Corporate Update**

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The Committee noted the Corporate Update.

## **19. Any other business**

**Oral**

The Chair and Sir Peter Luff expressed their sincere thanks to Sara Hilton who was attending her last meeting as Head of HLF, North West. Sara had been a huge asset to the North West and the Committee wished her well in her future career.

**The next meeting will be held on 24 November 2016.**