

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the South East of England

Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the South East of England held on Tuesday 22 September, at 9.15 a.m. at 7 Holbein Place

Members

Paul Hudson (Chair)
Alastair Fairley
Roger de Haan (Trustee)
Bill Ferris
Helen Jackson
Susan McCormack
Debbie Tann

1. Chair's Report **Oral**

The Committee noted the report.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 16 June 2015 **CSEE 2015 (3) 2**

The minutes were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes **Oral**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Declarations of Interest **Oral**

Debbie Tann declared a conflict of interest in the following items, as Chief Executive of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust:

- Item 7 – Secrets of the Solent
- Item 22 – Our Past, Our Future
- Item 23 – Down to the Coast

Debbie also noted a connection to Item 8, Hamble River Heritage. The Committee agreed that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

Helen Jackson declared a conflict of interest in the following items, as a Trustee of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust:

- Item 7 – Secrets of the Solent
- Item 22 – Our Past, Our Future
- Item 23 – Down to the Coast

Helen also noted a connection to Item 8, Hamble River Heritage. The Committee agreed that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

Roger de Haan declared a conflict of interest in item 18, Folkestone's HEART, as his charitable foundation had contributed match funding to the project.

There were no other conflicts of interest.

5. Regional overview **CSEE 2015 (3) 5**

Stuart McLeod introduced the regional overview report.

The Committee noted the paper.

6. Budget Paper

CSEE 2015 (3) 6

Lucy Perry introduced the budget paper. There had been a slowdown in applications to the Our Heritage and Transition Funding programmes. Young Roots applications had remained strong.

The first round pass budget was heavily oversubscribed with nine first round applications against the indicative budget for the meeting of £3,200,000 for the current meeting. The Committee noted that the pipeline for the December meeting was also strong with eight first round applications and agreed to keep to the indicative budget for the meeting.

The Committee noted the paper.

SF4 First round case papers for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

7. Secrets of the Solent; HG-15-00483

CSEE 2015 (3) 7

Debbie Tann and Helen Jackson declared conflicts of interest and left the room for the discussion of this item

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust sought a first round pass of £853,100, including development funding of £120,000 (88% of total eligible development costs) to establish the Hampshire and Isle of Wight based Marine Protection Areas (MPAs) as recognised heritage sites, appreciated and cared for in the same way as terrestrial nature conservation sites. The project would engage local people, sea users and businesses to challenge negative perceptions of MPAs and champion the sustainable use of the Solent and South Wight seas. A wide programme of educational and engagement activities would be delivered to raise awareness of the importance of these sites and drive behavioural change. The project would cover six areas, three of which had been designated as Marine Conservation Zones, another three had not yet received this designation.

The Committee noted that they had rejected a previous application for this project in March 2015 because of uncertainty over MCZ designation and related concerns over the level of risk associated with the project's legacy and sustainability, allied with a limited budget.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support, but rejected it in the light of the available budget.

8. Hamble River Heritage; HG-14-05432

CSEE 2015 (3) 8

Groundwork South sought a first round pass of £329,400, including development funding of £35,000 (48% of total eligible development costs) to improve water quality and biodiversity along the River Hamble in Hampshire. This would be achieved through physical works, awareness raising and the development of skills among landowners and volunteers.

Overall the Committee agreed that the application represented a low priority for support and rejected it.

9. Preserving the Fabric: A Sustainable Future for Whitchurch Silk Mill; HG-14-07954

CSEE 2015 (3) 9

Whitchurch Silk Mill sought a first round pass for a project to improve physical and intellectual access to heritage through visitor re-routing and improved interpretation. The proposed scheme

would also address strategic sustainability issues through training in essential skills and improved income generation. Physical works would address identified repair needs and refurbish the mill's historic machinery. A comprehensive activity programme would also be delivered.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £1,711,700, including development funding of £123,300 (85% of total eligible development costs).

10. Cogges: 1,000 Years Plus; HG-14-09091 CSEE 2015 (3) 10

Cogges Heritage Trust sought a first round pass of £1,745,200, including a development grant of £154,900 (77% of total eligible development costs) for a project to improve the visitor offer at Cogges Manor Farm. A programme of capital works would open up inaccessible rooms to the public for the first time, restore and convert the bundle thatched Ox Byre into a visitor welcome centre and create new learning and interpretation spaces and a new build café. Interpretation would be improved and an activity programme delivered.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support, but rejected it in the light of the available budget.

11. Who do you think we are? 25 years of changing attitudes to disability in Surrey; HG-14-09808 CSEE 2015 (3) 11

Surrey Disabled People's Partnership sought a first round pass of £185,700, including development funding of £27,700 (79% of total eligible development costs) to share the history of disability in Surrey through exhibitions, learning resources, events and the creation of a new archive. These would be delivered in partnership with the Lightbox and Surrey History Centre. Training and volunteering opportunities would be delivered.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a low priority for support and rejected it.

12. Rescuing and reopening Providence Chapel, Charlwood; HG-15-00008 CSEE 2015 (3) 12

The Providence Chapel Charlwood Trust sought a first round pass for a programme of urgent repairs to the Grade II* listed Providence Chapel, which was currently on the Historic England risk register. Interior facilities would be upgraded to support new interpretation and multi-functional use as a community venue. Sympathetic interpretation would be provided to explain the chapel's military and religious history. Education and activity programmes would also be delivered, including work with the local primary school.

Overall, the Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £414,900, including development funding of £42,000 (78% of total eligible development costs).

13. Opening the Shutters- investigating and preserving the world's oldest photographic studio and archive; HG-14-02272 CSEE 2015 (3) 13

University of the Arts sought a first round pass of £827,400, including development funding of £92,800 (68% of total eligible development costs) to open up the Edward Reeves Archive to the public for the first time. Over 22,000 business records and 6,500 photographs would be digitised and made available online. The archive storage conditions would be improved and interpretation would be provided. Learning, research and community engagement activities would be delivered.

Overall the Committee agreed that the application represented a low priority for support and rejected it.

14. Accessible Steam Heritage (ASH): Preserving and exhibiting steam locomotion for education and enhanced visitor experience; HG-15-00605 **CSEE 2015 (3) 14**

Bluebell Railway PLC sought a first round pass to convert an existing shed at their Sheffield Park site into an exhibition hall for the display and interpretation of a significant steam locomotive collection. New interactive interpretation and educational facilities would be created, exploring the history, science and engineering of steam power. A new maintenance facility would be created to care for steam locomotives and provide improved conditions for volunteers and staff. Extensive volunteering and family engagement programmes would also be delivered.

The Committee noted that they had rejected a previous application for this project in March 2015. They agreed that the current application was stronger than the unsuccessful bid and noted that the applicant had successfully learned from the experience of the Isle of Wight Railway.

The Committee agreed that this application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £879,500, including development funding of £30,000 (22% of total eligible development costs).

15. The Cathedral of the Sea; HG-15-01569 **CSEE 2015 (3) 15**

Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral sought a first round pass of £1,865,200, including development funding of £152,300 (89% of total eligible development costs) for a programme of works to improve access, interpretation and engagement at the Grade I listed Cathedral. Capital works would remodel the entrance and landscape the immediate surroundings to improve the sense of welcome. Physical access would also be improved, and a new events space created. Learning and activity programmes would also be delivered.

Overall, the Committee agreed that the application represented a medium priority for support and rejected it in the light of the available budget.

16. Prioritisation of first round items **Oral**

Having already agreed to reject items 8 (Hamble River Heritage), 11 (Who do you think we are?) and 13 (Opening the Shutters), the Committee agreed to award a first round passes to Items 9 (Whitchurch Silk Mill), 12 (Providence Chapel), 14 (Accessible Steam Heritage) which had been identified as high priorities for support.

The Committee then rejected items 7 (Secrets of the Solent), 10 (Cogges 1000) and 15 (Cathedral of the Seas) in the light of the available budget.

- **Grants for Places of Worship**

17. GPOW Overview and Applications **CSEE 2015 (3) 17**

Lucy Perry introduced the GPOW overview paper. The Committee made the following decisions:

	Project	Applicant	Decision	GEMS
17a.	Preservation and restoration of an historic church for wider community benefits	St Nicholas, Pevensey	First round pass of £ 88,600, including development funding of £17,300 (62% of total eligible development costs)	GP-15-00259

17b.	Masonry repairs and associated work, including provision of a heritage centre	St Nicholas, Pluckley	First round pass of £236,300, including development funding of £18,300 (58% of total eligible development costs)	GP-13-21414
17c.	Restoration of the chancel roof of St Mary's Church, Witney	St Mary's Church, Witney	First round pass of £143,500, including development funding of £19,600 (78% of total eligible development costs)	GP-15-01240
17d.	St Nicholas Renovation Phase 2: Nave Roof and East Gable	St Nicholas, Southbourne, Chichester	Reject	GP-15-01359
17e.	St Michael and All Angels perimeter drains and water ingress	St Michael and All Angels, Waddesdon, Buckingham	Reject	GP-15-00216

SF4 Second round case papers for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

18. Folkestone's HEART; HG-12-12367

CSEE 2015 (3) 18

Roger de Haan declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of this item

Folkestone Town Council sought a grant to re-establish Folkestone Museum within the grade II listed Town Hall. The museum would reunite the former Folkestone museum collections, which were currently spread over a number of different locations, and integrate them with more recently collected material. A programme of activities would be delivered to engage and educate the community.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £1,999,800 in September 2013.

The Committee awarded a grant of £1,950,000 (84% of total eligible project costs).

19. Saving Volk's: The oldest electric railway in the world; HG-13-00578 CSEE 2015 (3) 19

Brighton & Hove City Council sought a grant for a programme of works to restore and enhance the historic Volks Electric Railway on Brighton seafront. The railway was of great historic significance as the world's first electric railway. The proposed scheme would deliver much needed conservation work to the railway's infrastructure and rolling stock, and improve interpretation and visitor facilities.

The Committee awarded a grant of £1,647,200 (79% of total eligible project costs).

20. Rewind - 7 Decades of Stories from Leonard Cheshire Disability; HG-13-02753

CSEE 2015 (3) 20

Leonard Cheshire Disability sought a grant to improve access to a unique and important archive and to collect new material on disability heritage in the UK. Priority items in the archive have been identified for conservation and digitization. An accessible website and online resources would enable a greater number of people to access the material. People with disabilities would have an opportunity to collect and curate their own heritage through a scheme planned with partner organisations. An activity programme involving research and oral history collation at residential homes would also be delivered.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £292,900 in March 2014.

The Committee awarded a grant of £242,500 (79% of total eligible project costs).

21. Prioritisation

Oral

The Committee was satisfied that all three second round applications met the required quality threshold and awarded grants.

- **Landscape Partnership**

**22. Our Past, Our Future: working together for the New Forest;
LP-13-01112**

CSEE 2015 (3) 22

Debbie Tann and Helen Jackson declared conflicts of interest for this item and left the room for its discussion and decision

New Forest National Park Authority sought a grant to address the risks to its natural, cultural and built heritage arising from the socio-economic pressures the area faced. Four programme strands sought to: record and restore the natural and built heritage that gave the landscape its unique character; deliver skills training to enable people to maintain the landscape appropriately; inform and inspire a wider audience about the New Forest's natural and cultural heritage to ensure its future protection; and monitor and evaluate to provide data to inform future initiatives.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £2,999,100 in October 2013.

The Committee awarded a grant of £2,838,000 (65% of total eligible project costs).

**23. Down to the Coast – East Wight Landscape Partnership;
LP-12-12701**

CSEE 2015 (3) 23

Debbie Tann and Helen Jackson declared conflicts of interest for this item and left the room for its discussion and decision

Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership sought a grant for a project focused on the landscape formed by the watersheds of the principal rivers and brooks in the east of the Isle of Wight. Natural heritage and habitats would be conserved and local people would be engaged with the landscape. Volunteering and training opportunities would also be delivered.

The Board had awarded a first round pass in October 2013.

The Committee awarded a grant of £1,547,000 (58% of total eligible project costs).

Papers for Discussion

24. Mid-term review of SF4 and next steps in development of 'SF5'

CSEE 2015 (3) 24

Sue Bowers introduced this item.

Papers for Information

25. Communications Report

CSEE 2015 (3) 25

The Committee noted the report.

26. Corporate Update

Oral

The Committee noted the report.

27. Landscape Partnership Overview

CSEE 2015 (3) 27

The Committee noted report

28. Any other business

Oral

There were no other items of business

The next meeting will be held on 8 December 2015.