

# Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber held on 01 March 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Leeds Office.

## Members:

- Ron Cooke (Chair)
- Tony Collins
- Angela Dean
- Sue Mendus
- Florence Spaven (teleconference)
- Keith Sweetmore (teleconference)
- Cynthia Wainwright (teleconference)
- John Williams (teleconference)

## Committee Business

### 1. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair congratulated those able to make it to the Leeds office and welcomed those who joined via teleconference and via video conference.

The Chair bade a sad farewell to Hannah Kingston who was leaving and Jonny McGuire, temporary Office Manager (who left just before Christmas) and Jenny Mitcalf, team assistant (who left just after Christmas) and thanked them for their work.

The Chair reported:

- That he was delighted to announce that Sue Mendus had been reappointed for a second term;
- Vicky Wilford, was the new Communications Account Manager following Felix Gott's departure. She had previously provided communications support to the region and looked forward to meeting committee at the June meeting; and
- That the Board had at their February meeting discussed our strategic approach to working in 'place' and had invited external speakers from Hull City Council - Councillor Stephen Brady, Leader of Hull City Council, Matt Jukes, CEO of Hull City Council, and Martin Green, Director of Hull UK City of Culture 2017.

### 2. Minutes of last meeting on 23 November 2017

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The minutes were agreed by committee and signed by the Chair.

### 3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Oral

Item 5, List of ongoing projects would be shared with committee members.

David Renwick, Head of Region briefly updated Committee on post rejection discussions with applicants.

### 4. Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Overview

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The Chair thanked David Renwick and the team for producing this and the work for all the information provided.

David Renwick presented the overview paper and drew attention to various meetings, engagements and regional activity including:

- the stakeholder engagement meetings attended with Chair and which had included discussions around the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) transitional year and the Strategic Funding Framework;

- the committee discussion around the Strategic Funding Framework had been submitted to inform the consultation process. The current public consultation would run until 22 March and members were invited to respond;
- proposed meetings with MPs in the region. Officers had written to all MPs to highlight the good work that the HLF through National Lottery funding and had selected a key case study from each constituency;
- a meeting with Hull City Council, around the legacy of the Hull 2017 City of Culture programme and the importance of keeping heritage at the core of future work;
- Five applications had been rejected using the Rapid Rejection Process;
- the team operating plan which was presented to Committee in draft for information;
- the risk assessment tool for the ongoing caseload. This would support the monitoring of HLF projects;
- Committee member attendance at projects and the proposed spreadsheet for use at future meetings. Committee were invited to express an interest in any projects;
- an update on projects facing challenges;
- the levels of pre-application enquiries; and
- diversity in grant making.

## 5. Yorkshire and the Humber Budget

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Kathryn Frankish presented the budget for the November meeting.

The Annual budget for Yorkshire and the Humber for Heritage Grants and Heritage Enterprise was £5.9m.

The First Round Budget for the March meeting was £2,073,600. The total grant request was £2,780,100. The Committee would have to decide which First Round applications they wished to support.

There were two second round applications for discussion. Both were supportable if committee agreed they met the quality threshold.

## 6. Declarations of Interest

Oral

The Chair reported that he was previously Chair, Advisory Committee and a Board member, for the National Science Museum until 2002, who were the applicant for *NRM Masterplan* (item 18) and was currently a friend of the Museum for the minutes. He had had no involvement in or knowledge of the current project. Committee were content this did not constitute a conflict.

Sue Mendus reported:

- a connection through the University of York, applicant for Living Churches (item 9) who were associated with Borthwick Institute for Archives.

John Williams reported:

- that his wife worked for Calderdale MBC, the applicant for Todmorden Town Hall (item 12).

Keith Sweetmore reported:

- that he worked for the National Archives who were mentioned in the project application for Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade, but he had not been involved with the project (item 11).

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

### 7. Restoration and Preservation of Stained Glass windows in All Saints Church North St, York; HG-17-05641

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Applicant: All Saints Church, North Street, York

Request: First round pass of £631,200, including development grant of £99,400

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £631,200, including Development Grant of £99,400 (81% of eligible development costs).

**8. An Axminster Masterpiece: Conserving and Celebrating Harewood's Yellow Drawing Room Carpet; HG-17-05685**

**CYH 2018 (1) 8**

Applicant: Harewood House Trust (HHT)

Request: First Round Pass of £173,400, including Development Grant of £14,000

Project: Grade I listed Harewood House in Leeds is renowned for its interiors, designed by influential 18th century architect Robert Adam. The Yellow Drawing Room has 'one of the greatest surviving Axminster pile carpets in the UK'. This project would conserve the carpet and deliver a programme of interpretation, learning and engagement.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application should be **REJECTED** in light of the concerns raised.

**9. Living Churches; HG-16-02216**

**CYH 2018 (1) 9**

Applicant: The University of York

Request: First Round Pass of £467,000, including Development Grant of £108,400

Project: To conserve and digitise faculty documents held by the Borthwick Institute for Archives (the Borthwick) at its Heslington West campus relating to all churches within the Diocese of York between 1620-1939. The project would support church custodians in sustaining, promoting and interpreting the heritage of church buildings through various outreach activities.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application should be **REJECTED** due to the concerns raised.

**10. Beverley Minster- a place of sanctuary since 937AD; HG-17-05426**

**CYH 2018 (1) 10**

Applicant: Beverley Minster

Request: First Round Pass of £440,000, including Development Grant of £32,600

Project: To restore high-level elements of the lesser south transept of the Grade I listed Beverley Minster, East Riding of Yorkshire, which housed the Minster's sanctuary and rare Anglo-Saxon sanctuary chair. An activity programme would focus on the heritage of Beverley and the Minster as a place of sanctuary.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £440,000, including a development grant of £32,600 (50% of eligible development costs).

**11. Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade (CLCGB) - Our Heritage Journey from 1981-2017 Unique Archives That Tell Our Story; HG-17-03087**

**CYH 2018 (1) 11**

Applicant: Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade

Request: First Round Pass of £145,400, including Development Grant of £22,300

Project: To explore and share material and stories relating to the social impact of the Brigade, particularly in small communities with no other youth organisation. Working with young people the project would examine archives and use these as a catalyst for wider engagement.

Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application should be **REJECTED** in light of the concerns raised.

## **12. Todmorden Town Hall- revealing the past, connecting with the present and securing the future; HG-16-03679**

**CYH 2018 (1) 12**

Applicant: Calderdale MBC

Request: First Round Pass of £927,600, including Development Grant of £137,500

Project: to open up Grade I listed Todmorden Town Hall to enable wider engagement and heritage learning. It would build on the current Heritage Resource Centre and reconfigure the Hall to enable wider heritage engagement and learning and to maximum use.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber agreed the application represented a low priority for support. The project was **REJECTED** in light of the concerns raised.

## **13. Prioritisation of first round items**

**Oral**

Committee had agreed during the case by case discussions that:

- an Axminster Masterpiece (item 8), Living Churches (item 9) and Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade (item 11) should be rejected;
- the Restoration and Preservation of Stained Glass Windows in All Saints Church (item, 7) and Beverley Minster (item 10) were a high priority for support; and
- Todmorden Town Hall (item 12) was a low priority for support.

The Committee agreed the low priority scheme should be rejected due to the concerns raised.

Committee noted that there was sufficient budget to support both high priority projects and they awarded first round passes and development grants.

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

### **14. All Saints, Ilkley: telling the stories of a parish church, Saxon crosses and Roman fort; HG-15-05827**

**CYH 2018 (1) 14**

Grantee: All Saints Parish Church, Ilkley

Request: Award Grant of £543,700 (70%)

Uplift: None

Project: to improve access to Grade II\* listed All Saints Church, a Scheduled Ancient Monument located within a Conservation Area and deliver a varied programme of activities to widen engagement with the heritage. The project contributed to a master scheme for wider development.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber awarded a first round pass of £566,500 including development grant of £22,700 (70% of total eligible development costs) in June 2016.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber **AWARDED** a grant of £543,700 (70%).

**15. Coalfield Conversations: Increasing Visitor Engagement through Facilitated Aboveground Interpretation; HG-14-09364**

**CYH 2018 (1) 15**

Grantee: National Coal Mining Museum for England (NCMME)Trust Ltd

Request: Award Grant of £616,800 (89%)

Uplift: None

Project: NCMME occupies two colliery sites; Caphouse Colliery (Caphouse) and Hope Pit (Hope). The project focussed on visitors' experience *aboveground*, which included the provision of a welcome area, galleries and installations, mine workings, mine buildings, the nature trail and play area.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber awarded a first round pass of £646,700, including development funding of £29,900 (95% of total eligible development costs) in November 2015.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber **AWARDED** a grant of £616,800 (89%).

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

**16. Avenues Centre for Community, Creativity and Enterprise; HE-17-01963**

**CYH 2018 (1) 16**

Applicant: Goodwin Development Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £2,679,000, including Development Grant of £120,100

Project: To renovate the Avenues Adult Education Centre (AAEC) as a vibrant 'centre for creativity, community and enterprise' hosting a complementary mix of provision, focused on arts, cultural and creative industries along with skills, education and learning opportunities over a 32 month period. A mix of tenant organisations and services, including a café, local library, artist's studios, together with lettable offices, workshops and meeting/event spaces, will generate the footfall and high-profile necessary to make the building financially-sustainable.

The Committee for Yorkshire & the Humber agreed this was an excellent scheme and recommended the project to the Board as a High priority for support.

**SF4 First round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Major Batch**

*The committee discussed the following major batch application. Their views would be presented to the Board.*

**17. Major Grants Overview**

**CYH 2018 (1) 17**

Committee noted the overview. The business plan and major batch allocation had yet to be formally agreed by the Board. Within the current batch, there were 12 applications requesting in excess of £123m.

**18. NRM Masterplan: The First Phase; HG-15-06199**

**CYH 2018 (1) 18**

Applicant National Railway Museum

Request: First round pass of £13,406,900, including development grant of £1,299,600

Project: To redevelop the Great Hall and Warehouse at the National Railway Museum (NRM), York, to provide new displays and interpretation and create a new 'Wonderlab'. Activities would create a step-change in the way the NRM worked with considerable additional outreach activities.

The Committee for Yorkshire & the Humber recommended the project to the Board as a High priority for support.

## **SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Townscape Heritage**

### **19. Townscape Heritage Overview**

**CYH 2018 (1) 19**

Committee noted the overview.

This represented the fifth round of applications under the Townscape Heritage (TH) programme, launched in March 2013. A budget of £8m had been set for the programme in this last year of the current Strategic Framework. The total request for the 23 projects submitted was £32m.

*Committee discussed the following Townscape Heritage Schemes. Their views would be presented to the Board.*

### **20. The Wakefield Upper Westgate Townscape Heritage Scheme; TH-17-02106**

**CYH 2018 (1) 20**

Applicant: City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (WMDC)

Request: First round pass of £1,752,600, including development grant of £79,000

Project: To regenerate the Upper Westgate area of Wakefield through a heritage-led scheme. Improvements to the area would include physical works, repairs and reinstatement of lost architectural detailing. Public realm improvements would take place at Barstow Square, Thompson's Yard and White Horse Yard to complement Council-led works at Silver Street.

The Committee for Yorkshire & the Humber agreed the proposals offered potential to contribute to the wider regeneration of the area and the recommended the scheme as a medium priority to the Board.

### **21. Leeds Grand Quarter Townscape Heritage Scheme- heritage revealed, reshaping destination and reinforcing identity; TH-17-03155**

**CYH 2018 (1) 21**

Applicant: Leeds City Council

Request: First round pass of £2,000,000, including development grant of £33,700

Project: To regenerate the heritage buildings within the Grand Quarter Conservation Area in the City and Hunslet ward of Leeds. Proposals included some public realm works and an activity programme. New Briggate formed the heart of the scheme, along with surrounding areas of Vicar Lane and Merrion Place.

The Committee for Yorkshire & the Humber agreed the proposals offered much potential to deliver and contribute to the wider regeneration of the area and recommended the scheme as a high priority to the Board.

### **22. Prioritisation of first round items**

**Oral**

The Committee for Yorkshire & the Humber considered the first round applications and, on balance, recommended Leeds Grand Quarter as a high priority and The Wakefield Upper Westgate scheme as a medium priority to the Board.

## **Papers for Discussion**

### **23. GPOW Paper**

**CYH 2018 (1) 23**

Committee noted the paper.

### **24. Corporate Update**

**CYH 2018 (1) 24**

Committee noted the update.

The Chair commented on the use of social media and queried whether it was possible to identify any links between the National Lottery Players and their use of social media. Officers confirmed they would follow up.

## **Papers for Information**

### **25. Communications Report**

**CYH 2018 (1) 25**

Committee noted the report.

### **26. Any other business**

The Chair, in view of the adverse weather conditions, thanked committee and officers for their attendance at and contributions to the meeting, whether in person, via teleconference or video conference.

**The next meeting will be held on 7 June 2018.**