

## **Culture Committee**

| Date:    | Tuesday, 02 October 2012                        |
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| Time:    | 10:30   |
| Venue:   | County Hall                                     |
| Address: | County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP |

#### AGENDA

| 1 | Minutes of the last meeting held on 4 Sept 2012<br>Details   | 3 - 6   |
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| 3 | Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)<br>(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests<br>(b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) | 1-2     |
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| 7 | <u>Work Programme</u><br>Details   | 23 - 26 |



## minutes

| Meeting  | CULTURE COMMITTEE                         |  |
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| Date   | 4 September 2012 (commencing at 10.30 am) |  |
| Membership<br>Persons absent are marked with `A' |   |  |

## COUNCILLORS

John Cottee (Chairman) Liz Yates (Vice-Chairman) A Fiona Asbury Chris Barnfather Barrie Cooper Michelle Gent John Knight Darrell Pulk Gail Turner Wendy Quigley Gordon Wheeler

Ex-officio (non-voting) A Mrs Kay Cutts

#### **OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Mel Shepherd

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Steve Bradley – Group Manager, Cultural and Enrichment Services Sally Gill – Group Manager Planning Neil Robinson – Group Manager, Investments and Treasury Management Nick London – Team Manager, Library Resources Liz Edwards – Libraries, Archives and Information

Martin Gately - Democratic Services

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## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2012

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Asbury who is unwell.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES AND COUNTRY PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

In response to councillors' comments about the pledge summary it was agreed that a summary of customer feedback and the views captured from focus groups should be reported to a future meeting of the committee.

#### RESOLVED: 2012/011

That the update on capital projects be noted.

## <u>A STRATEGY FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S LIBRARIES – 6 MONTHLY</u> <u>PROGRESS REPORT</u>

## RESOLVED: 2012/012

That the progress report be noted.

## WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE

In response to councillors' comments it was agreed that Members of the committee would have the opportunity to visit the new West Bridgford Library before it opened to the public.

## RESOLVED: 2012/013

- 1) That the establishment of an additional 1 fte Library Building Officer post be approved
- 2) That the contents of the report be noted.

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#### WORK PROGRAMME

During discussion Members granted permission for the Historic Environment Record item to be deferred to either the late October or November meetings. In addition, Members requested library usage figures for the whole county along with a comparison of opening hours. Members also requested greater detail on the Shining Stars/Rising Stars Programmes.

#### **RESOLVED: 2012/014**

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11:30 am.

#### **CHAIRMAN**

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**Report to Culture Committee** 

2 October 2012

Agenda Item:4

## **REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, COUNTRY PARKS**

## ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIXED TERM HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER POST AT BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK, WITH HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING

## Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to establish a fixed term (2 year) full time post of Heritage Development Officer, attached to Bestwood Winding Engine House, within Bestwood Country Park, to be funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

## Information and Advice

- 2. Bestwood Winding Engine House and Dynamo House are the last remaining parts of former Bestwood Colliery. The Engine House and its Victorian engine are County Council owned, and constitute a Scheduled Ancient Monument of national significance for industrial archaeology.
- 3. The buildings were completely renovated and opened to the public with the assistance of a £1.2m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and opened to the public in 2010. They are currently shown to the public on a limited opening hours basis by a small but dedicated group of community volunteers, who also maintain and run the 1876 Winding Engine.
- 4. The Heritage Lottery Auditor and Case Officer recently received the final report on the project from the Country Parks Service. Whilst much has been achieved since the building was opened in 2010 (including a national quality award for Visitor Welcome), Heritage Lottery wish to see increased outputs, including increased public opening hours and higher visitor numbers, but also greater community engagement with the project and production of a set of site specific learning resources.
- 5. To assist us to deliver these outputs, they have offered to release up to £65,000 over a two year period to create a post of Heritage Development Officer, tasked to:
  - i. Recruit more volunteers with a long term aim of increasing community capacity to open the building to the public
  - ii. Train more volunteers to carry out essential maintenance of the historic engine.
  - iii. Enable increased opening hours
  - iv. Develop a programme of community engagement including more public events at Dynamo House

- v. Develop a set of learning resources for groups, families and self led school parties.
- 6. As part of its contribution to this scheme, rather than commit to a 10% match funding normally required in order to release HLF funding, the Country Parks would host the post within its structure and cover the costs of any redundancy payable after the two year fixed term ends. Severance costs will vary according to the age and length of service of the appointee, and may not be apply at all. It is estimated that the probable cost will be around £2,000, which is less than the match funding which would normally be expected for a project of this type.
- 7. Heritage Lottery are very specific in their aims. They require the post to focus on the history and heritage of the site and if they are unsatisfied with outputs produced by funded projects, by the terms of our agreement with them, they reserve the right to request repayment of grant.

#### Other Options Considered

- 8. The existing community volunteer group have already been approached as to whether they could recruit more volunteers, increase capacity and increase their availability to open the building more days per week. They are a small group and do not feel this is possible. They already commit an impressive amount of time to maintaining and running the Winding Engine, and it would seem unreasonable to pressure them to do more. Their main focus is and always has been the mechanical preservation of the winding engine.
- 9. Some increased outputs could be generated by use of the Community Liaison Officer working within the Country Parks Service. However, as this officer works over four large parks, (and increasingly the 90 green space sites managed by the Authority), it is unrealistic to expect enough hours to be available to make a real impact. The Community Liaison Officer within the Country Parks service would also not have the specialist skill set required, specifically in history and industrial archaeology.

#### Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 10. This is an excellent opportunity to develop a scheme that was part of the original application but for various reasons could not be then implemented. The terms of the grant agreement with Heritage Lottery encourage us to work in partnership to achieve agreed outputs. Co-operation in this is likely to positively influence any future HLF funding applications by the Authority. Increased community engagement, learning and conservation are desirable aims which the two partner organisations share.
- 11. The Country Parks Service has the line management and teams in place to effectively support and supervise a new dedicated post, but not to fully fund it.
- 12. The offer of up to £65,000 external funding is dependent on Committee approval for the post to be created.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

#### Implications for Service Users

14. The new post will enhance the experience of Bestwood Country Park users and (it is hoped) will attract new users to the park. A main aim is for the post to foster greater community engagement and learning opportunities.

#### **Financial Implications**

- 15. The post will be funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (subject to their final approval). Office accommodation is available at the County Council owned Dynamo House within Bestwood Country Park, and must be located there in order to facilitate community engagement.
- 16. The HLF grant will include a budget for events, volunteer training, the learning resources to be produced, and other essential items to enable the officer to deliver the required outputs.
- 17. The County Council Country Parks Service will line manage the post, and cover office sundries and other minor day to day expenses.
- 18. The post has yet to be submitted to the Job Evaluation Team to be graded. Based on similar types of post it is likely to be Grade 5.

## **Equalities Implications**

19. As public bodies, The Heritage Lottery Find and Nottinghamshire County Council both follow Equal Opportunity policies.

#### Human Resources Implications

- 20. Though the majority of salary and employer's on-costs are covered by the Heritage Lottery grant, the possible redundancy costs at the end of the two year fixed term post would need to be covered (should any arise) from the Departmental redundancy budget.
- 21. The post will be subject to the County Council's standing policies on redeployment. The fact that the Job Description will require some specialist skills in heritage and history means that it may not provide a match to County Council at risk staff in the redeployment pool and will thus need to go to external advertisement. The Heritage Lottery grant applied for thus includes an amount for advertising and recruitment.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That:

- 1) the creation of a two year post to be hosted by the County Parks and Green Estate Service and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, be approved
- 2) the Children, Families and Cultural Service Department will fund any redundancy payable after the two year fixed term ends, as part of its match funding contribution towards the grant, be noted.

### Patrick Candler Group Manager, Country Parks Service

## For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Linda Hardy Parks Development Officer T: 01623 821328 E: linda.hardy@nottscc.gov.uk

## Constitutional Comments (KK 18/09/12)

22. The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Culture Committee.

## Financial Comments (NDR 18/09/12)

23. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 15 to 18 of the report.

## **Background Papers**

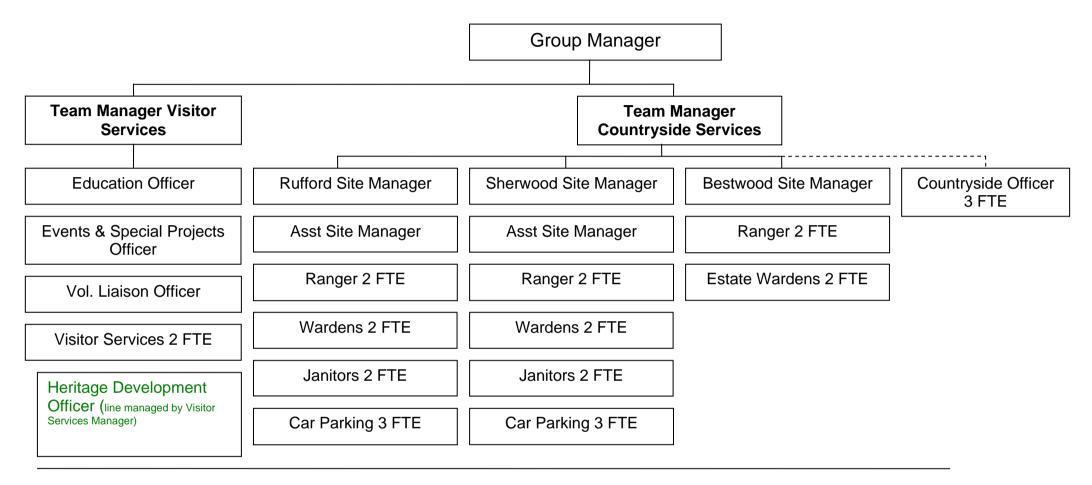
None.

## Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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## COUNTRY PARKS AND GREEN ESTATE 2012/13 Countryside Services



#### **Functions**

| Visitor engagement                | Building Management   | Conservation                   |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Events planning                   | Site security   | Heritage                       |
| Education                         | Site cleaning   | Contract management            |
| Community liaison<br>Volunteering | Car Parking<br>Horticulture<br>Grounds maintenance<br>Event support | Education<br>Estate management |

**Report to Culture Committee** 



2 October 2012

Agenda Item: 5

## **REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER PLANNING**

## LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS

## **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update on the Heritage and Conservation projects being delivered through the County Council's Local Improvement Schemes in 2012/13.

## **Information and Advice**

- Priority Two of the County Council's Strategic Plan 2010 2014 is to promote the economic prosperity of Nottinghamshire and safeguard our environment and one of the key actions for delivery of this Priority is to "physically improve the local natural and historic environment through the delivery of the local improvement schemes programme".
- 3. Heritage and conservation schemes have been part of the overall Local Improvement Schemes programme since April 2005 (Year 2). They are delivered on behalf of the LIS programme by 3 F.T.E. temporary Community Conservation Project Officers in the Conservation Team, supported by the conservation and heritage specialists and working in partnership with local communities, volunteers, Parish Councils and organisations such as Groundwork. All of the Conservation and Heritage projects are instigated by local communities and groups and they are closely involved at all stages through to delivery. In 20011/12 almost 5000 hours of volunteer time were recorded. Some of the projects are also able to attract match funding from, for example, Heritage Lottery Fund, English Heritage and landfill tax, bringing £350,000 of additional funding into the County last year.
- 4. The 2012/13 programme of Local Improvement Schemes was approved by Cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and includes 62 heritage and conservation projects from both urban and rural communities across the County, with total County Council funding of just under £900,000. A list of the schemes is included in Appendix 1.
- 5. Projects to improve the natural environment include:
  - Supporting volunteer groups to enhance biodiversity and reduce flood risk by removing invasive non-native species such as Himalayan Balsam along the Rivers Maun and Meden in both Ashfield and Mansfield.
  - Planting native tree species in Worksop, Mansfield, Norwell and Arnold.
  - Creating community gardens in Beeston and Beckingham.
  - Contributing to a larger project to restore water meadows in Cuckney.
  - Enhancing a network of ponds in Southwell.
  - Creating a community orchard in Ruddington.
- 6. Improvements to the County's historic environment include:

- Work to help restore listed buildings and scheduled ancient monuments in Tuxford, Blidworth, Worksop and Newark.
- The restoration or creation of seven war memorials.
- Contributing to a much larger project to create a heritage centre in disused canal buildings at Beeston Lock, which will hopefully draw down over £0.5m of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- The restoration of other heritage assets such as pinfolds (Scarrington), bandstands (Langold), clocks (Misterton) and a Miners' Banner (Ollerton).
- 7. There are also a range of projects to improve both physical and intellectual access to the County's environment such as the creation of heritage trails (e.g. Kimberley and Shelford), provision of interpretation (North Muskham, Arnold and Selston), graveyard surveys and mapping (Coddington) and allotment projects in for example Sutton in Ashfield and Calverton. Schemes also include improvements to paths, the provision of picnic tables and seating, planting wildflowers and hedges and the creation of sculptures and outdoor classrooms.
- 8. In addition to the potential £0.5million of additional funding for Beeston Lock heritage centre, a further £86,000 of match funding for other projects has been identified so far.

## Other Options Considered

9. Not applicable.

## Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. The County Council's Local Improvement Scheme has been very successful in helping to deliver the strategic objective to safeguard the County's environment. Local communities and groups are supported in restoring and enhancing their natural and historic environment, attracting significant amounts of investment into the Nottinghamshire and helping to make the County a more attractive place to live and work.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

 To note the success of the County Council's Local Improvement Schemes programme in physically improving the local natural and historic environment and the current programme of Heritage and Conservation projects.

Sally Gill

### **Group Manager Planning**

## For any enquiries about this report please contact: Heather Stokes, Conservation Team Manager (0115 969 6508)

#### **Constitutional Comments**

12. This report is for noting only by the Culture Committee. No legal issues arise at present. (NAB 19.09.12)

#### Financial Comments (DJK 19.09.12)

13. The contents of this report are duly noted; the Conservation Team will continue to support communities in applying for these grants within the confines of the L.I.S. budget and for match funding where applicable.

#### **Background Papers**

None

#### Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

## APPENDIX 1 – LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS 2012/13

| Location                                | Brief description of project                              |
|---|---|
| Ashfield, River Maun & River Meden      | Eradication of Himalayan Balsam                           |
| Huthwaite, Nunn Brook Park              | Shrub, hedgerows & tree planting, creation of picnic area |
| Sutton & Kirkby, River Maun             | Biodiversity works at Maun grasslands                     |
| Stanton Hill - Rainbow Gardens          |   |
| Allotment                               | Creation of community allotment for children              |
| Selston, Holly Hills Grasslands         | Habitat enhancements, signage & interpretation            |
| Teversal Visitor Centre, Phoenix        |   |
| greenway area                           | Picnic tables & benches                                   |
| Silverhill Wood                         | Planting native tree species                              |
|   | Community open space, wildflower meadow, nesting boxes,   |
| Whaley Thorns Graveyard                 | seating   |
| Elkesley Cemetery                       | Memorial tree seat  |
| Markham Clinton                         | Memorial plaque to commemorate airmen who died in 1943    |
| Tuxford Cemetery/Green Burial Ground    | 2 x Interpretation Boards                                 |
| Marnham                                 | Restoration of Listed church hall                         |
| Worksop Priory                          | Restoration of Listed Gate House, Shrine & Chapel         |
| Worksop, Maple Drive (adjacent to       | Woodland enhancements, footpaths, habitat creation and    |
| Prospect Hill Junior School)            | seating   |
| Gateford                                | Tree planting to commemorate Queen's Diamond Jubilee      |
| Beckingham, The Old Willow Works        | Creation of community activities area/community garden    |
| Mattersey                               | Children's village archaeology project                    |
| Misterton, Library Building (Listed)    | Restoration of the Clock                                  |
| Scrooby Croft                           | Green space enhancements and community sculpture          |
| Langold Country Park                    | Restoration of bandstand                                  |
| Retford, Conway Garden Sheltered        |   |
| Accommodation                           | Creation of garden area                                   |
| Beeston, St John the Baptist Church     | Contribution to wider project to create community gardens |
|   | Creation of a Kimberley History Trail with interpretation |
| Kimberley                               | boards  |
| Cossall                                 | Refurbishment of 2 War Memorials                          |
| Beeston Lock                            | Phase II works to create heritage centre                  |
| Stapleford, Archers Field Recreation    | Creation of & improvements to existing footpaths,         |
| Ground                                  | interpretation, seating & planting                        |
| Stapleford Children's Centre, Grenville |   |
| Drive                                   | Transform outdoor space into community garden             |
| Brinsley Recreation Ground, Cordy Lane  | Creation of Jubilee entrance arch                         |
|   | Creation of pathways, management plan, hedge planting     |
| Newstead & Annesley Country Park        | and weed management                                       |
| Woodborough                             | Outdoor classroom seat in Pinfold                         |
| Calverton, Collyer Road                 | Provision of accessible allotment for disabled users      |
| Arnold, Arnot Hill Park                 | Interpretation panel, sculptures, benches, tree planting  |
| Bestwood Country Park                   | Improved access and seating, restoration of wall          |
| Mansfield, Bailey Crescent              | Tree planting on the Green (20)                           |
| Mansfield, Goodhand Crescent            | Tree planting on the Green (10)                           |
| Mansfield, Leas Avenue/Pye              |   |
| Avenue/Townroe Drive                    | Tree planting on the Green (10)                           |
| Pleasley, Little Lane footpath          | Tree works and creation of nature walk                    |
| Mansfield Woodhouse – Church Street     | Restoration and enhancement of historic garden            |

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| Community Gardens                      |   |
|--|---|
| Mansfield Woodhouse, Yeoman Hill Park  | Restoration of World War II memorial gates                    |
| Mansfield, Hermitage Lane (River Maun) | Eradication of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam         |
| Cuckney, Norton & Goldsmeadow          | Contribution to restoration of water meadows                  |
| Southwell, Brackenhurst Campus         | Enhancements to network of ponds                              |
| Norwell                                | Tree planting around the "parish gardens" (allotments)        |
| North Muskham, Ferry Inn               | Interpretation  |
| Ollerton, St Pauline's Church          | Restoration of Miners banner                                  |
|  | Restoration of grade II listed building and increasing public |
| Blidworth Mill                         | access  |
| Coddington All Saints                  | Graveyard survey & mapping                                    |
| Balderton, Mount Road Cemetery         | Replace/renew the walkways in Garden of Remembrance           |
| Newark Castle                          | Restoration of scheduled ancient monument                     |
| Newark, Barnby Road Allotments         | Install security fencing                                      |
| Scarrington Pinfold                    | Restoration of pinfold  |
| Keyworth                               | Restoration of Memorial gates                                 |
| Cropwell Butler, Sheldon Field         | Provision of a lectern type information board at the main     |
| Recreation Ground                      | entrance  |
| Kinoulton                              | Creation of outdoor environmental classroom                   |
|  | Restoration of War Memorial, interpretation, pathways &       |
| Ruddington, Church Street              | seating   |
|  | Excavation of existing circular planting area in front of the |
| Bunny Village Hall, Church Street      | hall and replanting   |
| Bunny Village Green                    | 2 x seats and tree planting                                   |
|  | Creation of community orchard & removal/ replacement of       |
| Ruddington, Hareham Allotment Gardens  | asbestos cement shed  |
| West Bridgford Park                    | Creation of tree trail and interpretation                     |
| Shelford, Main Road                    | Refurbishment of War Memorial                                 |
| Shelford & Newton                      | Creation of a history trail covering 12 sites                 |
| East Leake, Sheepwash Brook            | Secure Embankment, culverts and habitats                      |

**Report to Culture Committee** 



2 October 2012

Agenda Item:6

## **REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER PLANNING**

## HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2013 - 18

## **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide information on the Heritage Lottery Fund's new Strategic Framework for funding in the period 2013 - 2018.

## **Information and Advice**

- Heritage Lottery Fund published its Strategic Framework 2013 18 in July 2012, setting out its plans for investing £375million per annum over the 5 year period. This is a significantly increased level of funding, from £180million p.a., as a result of strong ticket sales and an increased share of Lottery income.
- 3. The County has been very successful in attracting investment in its heritage through the Heritage Lottery Fund. In addition to projects to enhance County Council-owned heritage assets, community groups have been supported, often through the provision of match funding through the Local Improvement Schemes programme. The County Council has also successfully worked in partnership with a wide range of organisations to attract larger amounts of HLF funding and the development of future projects is already underway. All such projects will require match funding from partners and the County Council's role and contribution to individual projects will be the subject of future reports.
- 4. Under the new Framework some existing programmes have been changed and new programmes introduced in response to a consultation that attracted more than 2000 responses. 75% of the funding will be available through open programmes with the remainder through targeted programmes and special initiatives.

## **Open Programmes**

- 5. The Heritage Grants for all types of heritage projects over £100,000 and Heritage Grants Major Batch for projects over £5million will not have any major changes to the application process. Two new open programmes have been introduced however, with Our Heritage replacing the former Your Heritage programme for projects over £10,000 and with an increased maximum grant of £100,000. This programme will also make transition funding of between £10,000 and £100,000 available for organisations that have already received HLF funding but need to review strategies and business plans in order to achieve improved sustainability.
- 6. The *Sharing Heritage* programme will provide grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 to any notfor-profit group to enable them to explore, share and celebrate their community's heritage. Start-up grants will also be available through this programme, to support community groups taking responsibility for heritage assets in setting up constitutional frameworks and creating strategies for managing the assets.

#### Targeted Programmes

- 7. The Young Roots programme for projects devised and led by young people will continue with the lower age limit reduced from 13 to 11. The maximum grant available has been increased to £50,000 to enable projects to include realistic staff costs for youth work and to run for longer periods (up to two years).
- 8. Parks for People, which provides grants of between £100,000 and £5million, has been extended to include public cemeteries and the project requirements have been simplified. The requirements for the *Townscape Heritage Initiative*, which provides funding for enhancements in conservation areas, have also been simplified. The *Landscape Partnerships* programme for landscape scale projects to invest in cultural, natural, archaeological and built heritage will have an increased maximum available grant of £3million and a more flexible approach to the maximum area covered will be taken.
- 9. Two new grants being introduced include the *Places of Worship* programme which will provide funding of between £10,000 and £250,000 focusing on urgent repairs (to replace the *Repair Grants* programme), engaging people and providing facilities to increase public use. *Heritage Enterprise* is a new strategic intervention, providing grants of between £100,000 and £5million for the conservation and adaptation of individual or coherent groups of historic buildings where the end use actively contributes to sustainable development in areas of economic disadvantage.

#### **Special Initiatives**

- 10. A second round of applications for the *Skills for the Future* programme closes in January 2013. Grants of between £100,000 and £1million are available to support work-based training opportunities in the heritage sector, providing both specialist heritage skills and training in managing volunteer, education and outreach programmes.
- 11. The *Collecting Cultures* programme will encourage applications from museums, archives and documentary heritage collections from late 2013. Funding will support the development of a strategic approach to collection development and acquisition including using collecting to engage new audiences, develop collecting skills and develop and retain collections knowledge within heritage organisations.
- 12. A new *Catalyst* programme is intended to help the heritage and arts sectors to diversify their funding streams by accessing funding from private sources. *Catalyst endowments* of between £500,000 and £1million will match fund the creation of new long-term sources of income through endowments. *Catalyst capacity building* will provide grants of £100,000 to £500,000 to umbrella organisations for the provision of training programmes tailored to the fundraising needs of smaller heritage organisations. *Catalyst small grants* will provide funding of between £3,000 and £10,000 to enable individual organisations to access professional fundraising advice and invest in their fundraising infrastructure.

#### Policy Changes

- 13. The importance of digital technologies has been recognised and a change of policy introduced to enable projects focussed purely on the creation of digital material to make heritage more accessible to be funded.
- 14. Applications to the *Our Heritage* programme for physical improvements to heritage assets will be accepted from private individuals or commercial organisations in future provided the projects can demonstrate public support, the need for HLF input and will deliver a step-change in public access and engagement.
- 15. Greener projects will be created in response to the significant impacts of climate change on heritage. All *Heritage Grants* will be asked to consider how the projects will be affected by and mitigate predicted changes in the local environment and grant assessments will be weighted in favour of those demonstrating reduced environmental impacts. In addition, all projects asking for more than £2million will be required to carry out a carbon footprint assessment during the project development stage.

## Other Options Considered

16. Not applicable.

#### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

17. Nottinghamshire and the County Council have already successfully attracted significant investment from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The increased funding available and the changes to funding streams should open up more opportunities for investment in the County's heritage and particularly in heritage identified as being at risk. Such opportunities will continue to be pursued and updates and reports will be brought to future meetings of the Culture Committee for consideration.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

18. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) To note the changes to the Heritage Lottery Fund Strategic Framework.
- 2) To note the continued work to attract further investment in the County's heritage and the potential requirement for match funding.

Sally Gill Group Manager Planning

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Heather Stokes, Conservation Team Manager (0115 969 6508)

#### **Constitutional Comments**

19. This report is for noting only by the Culture Committee, no legal issues arise at present. (NAB 19.09.12)

#### Financial Comments (DJK 19.09.12)

20. The contents of this report are duly noted; the County Council will continue to support this work and apply for grants as appropriate, match funding will be made available for some of these schemes and a separate report will be generated for larger grants where we need to match fund.

#### **Background Papers**

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Nottinghamshire County Council **Report to Culture Committee** 

2 October 2012

Agenda Item: 7

# REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

## WORK PROGRAMME

## **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2012/13.

## Information and Advice

- 2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
- 3. The **attached** work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.

## Other Options Considered

4. None.

## **Reason for Recommendations**

5. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

### Jayne Francis-Ward Corporate Director, Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

#### For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Martin Gately Democratic Services Officer T: 0115 9772826

#### **Constitutional Comments (HD)**

7. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

#### **Financial Comments (PS)**

8. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

## Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

## **CULTURE COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME**

| Report Title   | Brief summary of agenda item  | Lead Officer            |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| 30 October 2012  |   |                         |
| Chairman's report  |   | Derek Higton            |
| Initial committee budget proposals 2013/14                   |   | Derek Higton            |
| Cultural Strategy  | Six monthly monitoring report   | Patrick Candler         |
| Archives Plan  | Seeking approval for the Archives Plan                                      | Peter Gaw               |
| Southwell Library Poetry Festival 2012 evaluation            |   | Peter Gaw               |
| Grizzled Skipper Project                                     | Interim report on SITA funded Grizzled Skipper project                      | Sally Gill              |
| 27 November 2012   |   |                         |
| Chairman's report  | Including update on Seasonal Canine Illness                                 | Derek Higton            |
| Performance Monitoring report                                | Six monthly performance monitoring report for Key<br>Performance Indicators | Derek Higton/Sally Gill |
| Community Archaeology  | To provide an update on Community Archaeology projects                      | Sally Gill              |
| Archives Acquisitions Policy                                 | Revision to policy  | Peter Gaw               |
| Archives and Central Library Partnership Agreement           |   | Peter Gaw               |
| Shining Stars/Rising Stars Programme                         |   | Steve Bradley           |
| Robin Hood Festival update                                   |   | Patrick Candler         |
| Summer Reading Challenge 2012                                |   | Peter Gaw               |
| 8 January 2013   |   |                         |
| Chairman's report  |   | Derek Higton            |
| 5 February 2013  |   |                         |
| Chairman's report  |   | Derek Higton            |
| Fees & Charges – Libraries, Archives & Information           | Annual determination  | Peter Gaw               |
| Fees & Charges – Country Parks and Green Estate              | Annual determination  | Patrick Candler         |
| Events programme for Country Parks 2013/14                   |   | Patrick Candler         |
| Partnership funding to Creswell Crags Heritage Trust 2013/14 | Annual determination  | Patrick Candler         |
| Committee budget   |   | Derek Higton            |
| 5 March 2013   |   |                         |
| Chairman's report  |   | Derek Higton            |
| Revisions to library opening hours                           | Page 25 of 26   | Peter Gaw               |

| Report Title                                  | Brief summary of agenda item  | Lead Officer            |
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| Adult & Community Learning Service Priorities | Annual report to set priorities   | Peter Gaw               |
| Trent Vale Landscape Partnership              | To report on the achievements of the Heritage Lottery funded Trent Vale Landscape Partnership project   | Sally Gill              |
| 26 March 2013                                 |   |                         |
| Chairman's report                             |   | Derek Higton            |
| Biodiversity Offsetting Pilot Project         | To provide Members with a Year 1 report on progress with the national Biodiversity Offsetting pilot project   | Sally Gill              |
| April 2013 date tbc                           |   |                         |
| Chairman's report                             |   | Derek Higton            |
| Cultural Strategy                             | Six monthly monitoring report   | Patrick Candler         |
| Libraries Strategy                            | Six monthly monitoring report   | Peter Gaw               |
| May 2013 date tbc                             |   |                         |
| Chairman's report                             |   | Derek Higton            |
| Performance Monitoring report                 | Six monthly performance monitoring report for Key<br>Performance Indicators   | Derek Higton/Sally Gill |
| Outside bodies report                         | Comprising reports on: Arts Partnership Nottingham/<br>Creswell Heritage Trust/ Experience Nottinghamshire/<br>Greenwood Community Forest Partnership/ Nottingham<br>Playhouse Board/ Nottingham Playhouse Trust/ Sherwood<br>Forest Trust/ Sherwood Forest Regional Park Board | Derek Higton            |
| To be placed                                  |   |                         |
| Budget monitoring                             | Quarterly reports   | Derek Higton            |
| Idle Valley Management Board                  | Report from officer group   | Sally Gill              |
| Green Estate Management Plan                  | Seeking approval for the Plan   | Patrick Candler         |
| Sports and Arts Development Plan              | Seeking approval for the Plan   | Steve Bradley           |
| Libraries Digital Skills Project              |   | Peter Gaw               |
| Historic Environment Record                   | To provide Members with information on the County's<br>Historic Environment Record and seek endorsement for<br>future working relationships with other Local Planning<br>Authorities  | Sally Gill              |