

REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 8
DATE OF MEETING:	19th NOVEMBER 2015	CATEGORY: *see below DELEGATED/ RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	STUART BATCHELOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES	OPEN **see below
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SUBJECT:	HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND – SWADLINCOTE TOWNSCAPE UPDATE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF *see below REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members agree to the establishment of the Project Board and also the Grants Panel.
- 1.2 Agree to the continuation of the project.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The report is being submitted to Committee as an update to the HLF scheme for Swadlincote Town Centre and to consider which Members will be on the Project Board and Grants Panel.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Scheme has been successful with official confirmation received on 26th October.
- 3.2 The scheme is to run for three years starting in early 2016. The scheme included the cost of employing a Townscape Heritage Officer to manage the scheme alongside existing Officers at the Council. It is intended the post will start from January 2016.
- 3.3 The bid was for £411,600.00 to include third party grants for building works, redesign and landscaping of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Garden and also an Activity Plan covering the period of the scheme.
- 3.4 Third party grants of up to 67 per cent and 85 per cent of the total project cost (per building) will be available for eligible properties in the town, with any applications to go through a selection and assessment process. As part of the bid it was essentially to have priority areas/buildings given the relative small bid money. So, these will be given priorities above other buildings that come forward. However, the grant has to be applied for and if those target buildings don't come forward then other works will be considered.

- 3.5 Expressions of interest for grants will be sought in the very early part of the scheme with the first Grants Panel planned for around September 2016. The Grants Panel will include a mix of people who are able to determine which grants are successful and also what level of grant is to be offered.
- 3.6 Along with a Grants Panel there will also be a Project Board that will meet a few times a year to get updates on the progress of the scheme but also make decisions should things have changed.
- 3.7 The Grants Panel will include:
- Four SDDC Councillors
 - Two County Councillors
 - Representative of Swadlincote Chamber of Commerce
 - 2 Young Persons (aged 11-16)
 - Derbyshire County Council Officer
 - Magic Attic Representative
 - Townscape Heritage Officer
 - Conservation Officer.
- 3.8 Whilst the Project Board will include:
- Four SDDC Councillors
 - Two County Councillors
 - Townscape Heritage Officer
 - Conservation Officer
 - Design Excellence Officer
 - Environmental Development Manager
 - Conservation and Design Section Manager (DCC project partner)
 - Representative from Town Team.
- 3.9 One of the recommendations to ask that the Chair of the Committee gives consideration to the Members that are to be included in the Panel and the Board.
- 3.10 The redesign of the Diana Memorial Garden is another major part of the scheme which in the early part of the scheme will be consulted on for design considerations and a landscape architect will be appointed in mid-2016.
- 3.11 Alongside all of these physical changes is the Activity Plan that has been set out for the entire period of the scheme and includes lots of different activities that will encourage people to consider the Town Centre's heritage. The first activities will start in early 2016 with things such as pop-up heritage displays, school engagement and decision days and starting the development of the trails around the Town Centre.
- 3.12 The scheme will be publicised via the press but also through leaflets and posters to ensure that building owners are aware of the grants available but also that everyone is aware of the planned activities.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications with this report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 This project falls under the sustainable growth and opportunity theme of the Corporate Plan as through the lifetime of the project there will be an economic boost

to the Town Centre and also a greater interest in the history and the buildings that make up the Town Centre through the Activity Plan.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The project will continue with the work already undertaken in the Town Centre. The outcome of the project will be to have individual buildings enhanced, to have encouraged people to get involved in various activities but also to have publicised through the Conservation Area throughout the life of the project.

7.0 Background Papers

- 7.1 None