

## Padiham Townscape Heritage HLF Grant

### Report to the Executive



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#### PURPOSE

- To update the Executive on the status of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application for the Padiham Townscape Heritage (TH): Crafting the Future scheme and seek approval to accept the funding.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- That the Executive:
  - Notes that a successful application has been made by the Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy to HLF to support the regeneration of Padiham Conservation Area and related community activities
  - Accepts the grant of £1,400,500 from the HLF in accordance with their standard terms of grant
  - Notes the principal delivery elements of the 5 year Padiham: Crafting the Future Scheme
  - Delegates authority to the Section 151 Officer to sign the required 'Permission to Start' form to confirm acceptance of the grant award along with all the associated requirements

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- To allow officers to progress with the Delivery Phase of the Padiham TH project.
- HLF require the Council to compete and submit a signed 'Permission to Start' form to confirm acceptance of the grant award along with all the associated requirements. Once HLF have approved the request the Council will be able to start work on the scheme and seek subsequent grant payments.

#### SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

- As previously reported to the Executive, the Padiham TH project is focussed on a compact

area of mostly Victorian buildings, predominantly in retail use, at the heart of the conservation area, an area known locally as 'The Hill'. The 5 year programme aims to bring back traditional life and vitality to the historic core and renew the appreciation of the town's rich heritage and strong connections with Gawthorpe Hall, through three principal themes:

- Repair and restoration works to buildings – this will involve grant aided works available to property owners within the TH boundary at a fixed percentage rate (75%) to cover the costs of external repair and restoration works to retain the historic nature of the area. Where applicable, grants to bring vacant floorspace back into use will also be available. This is seen as key for the area in terms of increasing footfall and spend. Increases in occupancy will also ensure that the buildings are better looked after and maintained. Under this workstream the Council will also deliver an exemplar refurbished building to set an example of good craftsmanship and to deliver immediate impact at a prominent location on 'The Hill'.
- Public realm scheme - £430,000 is earmarked for environmental improvements within the TH area to include decluttering of street furniture, introduction of traffic calming measures, new pavement surfaces and public art.
- Wider activity programme – Working with local partners, the Padiham TH will deliver a Borough wide programme of community engagement events and heritage skills training activities throughout the lifetime of the project, to deliver a skills and education legacy. The TH programme will also support regeneration and business development throughout the town centre by celebrating all things home made in Padiham. This will include the development of a marketing strategy "Home made on the High Street" to build on the growing cluster of creative businesses and draw on Padiham's heritage and connections to the Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth and Gawthorpe Textiles Collection.

6. The Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy submitted the application for HLF funding to support the project on 28th February 2017. The application was approved by the HLF regional board on 22 June 2017 and subsequently the Council has received an Award Letter from HLF on 10 July 2017 confirming that a grant of up to £1,400,500 has been awarded towards the Padiham: Crafting the future project.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

7. The total Delivery Phase costs over the five year period 2017 - 2022 are estimated at £2,161,980, which will be funded by £1,400,500 HLF grant, £200,000 from Burnley Council, £239,630 private sector match, £250,000 from the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership North West Burnley Growth Corridor funding and £71,850 from other third parties.
8. The total Delivery Phase costs of £2,161,980 will be split between £1,891,526 Capital (£1,461,526 Physical works to buildings and £430,000 Public Realm works) and £270,454 Revenue (£185,454 project management and £85,000 activity costs).
9. There is already £1,999,363 included in the capital programme, including the £200k contribution from Burnley Council, so the £107,837 reduction necessary to bring the

required capital budget down to £1,891,526 will be made in due course.

10. The £270,454 Revenue costs are 100% funded from HLF and other grants and will be incorporated into the 2017/18 to 2022/23 Revenue budgets accordingly.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

11. The scheme is a high priority and delivers the Council's objectives on prosperity and place.

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

12. None.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

13. None.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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