

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH & COMMUNITIES

02 February 2016

Report of the Strategic Director Health & Communities

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING FOR THE DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

1 Purpose of the report:

To inform the Cabinet Member, Health & Communities about a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to carry out a project entitled 'The Amazing Pop Up Archives Project'; to request permission to spend the grant; and to request permission to transfer any unspent grant money into a dedicated reserve at the end of each financial year, for the duration of the project.

2 Information and analysis:

- 2.1. Between 2012 and 2014, as part of the Record Office refurbishment and artist in residence project, a focus group was set up, made up of young people from a local high school, young adults, adults and regular users. The original purpose of the focus group was to inform the development of the interior of the Record Office.
- 2.2. After the artist in residence project was completed in 2014, the group wished to continue. They assumed the role of advocates and champions of the service, wanting to make the archive collections more accessible to new audiences. As a consequence, a new project, the Amazing Pop Up Archives Project, was developed. This project aims to offer an exciting programme of events in quirky, unexpected places, such as local sports grounds or along nature trails, enabling young people of Derbyshire and their families to engage with archives and to learn and share more about themselves and the communities in which they live.
- 2.3. In order to undertake this project the Record Office has successfully applied for a grant of £42,100 from the Heritage Lottery Fund 'Young Roots' programme, which helps young people aged 11 to 25 to explore their heritage. The grant will cover the total cost of:
 - Researching, designing and delivering four events to take place at venues throughout Derbyshire
 - Enlisting practitioners to work with the young people, creatively interpret archive collections and participate in events

- Production of online resources
 - Purchase of materials such as banners and display cases
- 2.4. The project will take place between February 2016 and March 2017 and be managed by an archivist at Derbyshire Record Office. A range of creative practitioners will be appointed in accordance with Protocols 7 and 8 of the County Council's Financial Regulations to work with the project group. A project group made up of local high school students, University of Derby students and regular users of the Record Office will deliver the project.
- 2.5. The project will enable the Record Office to reach new audiences, and form partnerships with local and regional organisations to deliver a variety of events and resources for people to access. These audiences will be of all ages and backgrounds and will particularly focus on those communities who do not usually engage with heritage.
- 2.6. The project will contribute towards the following Council priorities:
- A Derbyshire that works (a skilled and confident workforce)
Working with practitioners and Record Office staff, the young people involved in the project will gain skills including research, event planning, event delivery, design, film making, marketing and promotion.
 - A Safer Derbyshire (sustainable and green communities)
The project is specifically targeted at local communities, encouraging residents of all ages, but especially the young, to engage with and share their heritage. Focusing events in more deprived areas will empower those communities who do not usually access heritage to do so.
 - A Local Derbyshire (communities at the heart of decision making)
The project was developed by the original focus group. The young people taking part in the project will be in control of the project, designing and delivering the project outcomes.

3. Financial considerations:

Match funding of £5,000 has been secured from the Made in Derbyshire project and £3,500 from The University of Derby Intern Programme. The Record Office is providing in-kind support in co-managing the overall project and can be accomplished within existing staffing resources.

4. Other considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, human resources, property and transport considerations.

5. Background papers

None

6. Key Decision:

No

7. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

8. Officer's recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member, Health & Communities:

1. Approves the expenditure of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £42,100 as set out in the report
2. Approves the transfer of any unspent grant money into a dedicated reserve at the end of each financial year for the duration of the project.

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