

Derbyshire County Council

Meeting with Cabinet Member – Health & Communities

3 December 2013

Report of the Strategic Director, Cultural and Community Services

DERBYSHIRE LIVES IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR HLF BID

1 Purpose of the report:

To inform the Cabinet Member – Health & Communities about a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a grant to support Derbyshire communities to commemorate the First World War; to request permission to spend the grant and to agree to the establishment of a fixed-term post of Project Officer (First World War) until 31 December 2015.

2 Information and analysis:

- 2.1. The year 2014 will see the start of the national commemoration of the centenary of the First World War. In anticipation of this important commemoration, Derbyshire Record Office submitted a successful bid on behalf of the Cultural and Community Services Department to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant of £84,600. This grant will be used to fund the 'Derbyshire Lives in the First World War' project.
- 2.2. The 'Derbyshire Lives' project will put in place a comprehensive programme of support for community groups to enable them to learn about and share their First World War Heritage. The project will:
 - provide advice, training and equipment, to help community groups to deliver their own projects locally
 - ensure groups contribute to the national commemorative projects
 - market local events county-wide and make good use of social media to maximise opportunities for engaging people
 - bring together local histories to show the impact of the First World War across the county as a whole
 - give local volunteers the skills and knowledge to permanently preserve and make accessible their heritage
- 2.3. After the commemorative period is over, the project will create a permanent legacy that:

- Ensures the impact of the war in Derbyshire is fully understood, captured and remembered.
 - Supports groups and communities to build wider skills and capacity, increasing self-reliance through stronger networks and improved confidence
- 2.4. The project will run from January 2014 to December 2015 and will be managed by the Archives & Local Studies Manager. The HLF funding will be primarily used to establish the post of fixed-term Project Officer (First World War) to deliver the project by liaising with community and interest groups, organising training, publicity and a final exhibition.
- 2.5. As the project draws to a close, the Project Officer will bring together a group of people from local community groups who will take the project forward for the remainder of the commemorative period, and potentially bid for further funding.
- 2.6. The HLF funding will contribute towards the following Council priorities
- A local Derbyshire
Local people and communities will be able to learn about, and commemorate their First World War heritage through the local projects and activities that take place over 2014-15. There will also be a permanent legacy for future generations to discover and remember the impact of the war on the county.
 - A Derbyshire that works – skills and opportunities
The project will increase, and make more accessible, resources for schools to enable pupils to learn about the First World War. This will be achieved through purchase of resources for the School Library Service, and volunteer investigation and transcription of material which can be used to support schools in delivery of curriculum and national and local historical and cultural awareness.
 - A safer Derbyshire
The project will encourage communities to work closely together. By bringing communities together to form a network, share their knowledge and experience, we will work to develop links that weren't there before, building community cohesion.

3 Financial considerations:

The overall cost of the project is £167,100, of which the HLF is contributing 51% (£84,600). The remainder will be funded from:

Capital (approved from the 2011/12 departmental outturn)	£38,000
Revenue from within Cultural & Community Services	£42,000
Income from training	£2,500

Revenue funding will be contributed over three financial years, and will largely be drawn from the library materials fund. This reflects planned spending on library resources that relate to the First World War, non-fiction works, novels, poetry, drama, film and local publications, for which it is anticipated there will be high demand.

Included in this match funding are annual online subscriptions for Ancestry and other similar resources that can be used to help people research their First World War ancestors.

4 Human Resources considerations:

The post has been evaluated by Human Resources and graded at Grade 10 (£25,735 - £28,562), Job Evaluation reference number 2023.

5 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, property and transport considerations.

6 Background papers:

Meeting with Cabinet Member – Health & Communities, 20 August 2013,
Proposals for the expenditure of Departmental underspend 2012/13

7 Key Decision:

No

8 Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

9 Strategic Director's recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member – Health and Communities:

1. Approves the expenditure of the HLF grant as outlined in the body of the report.
2. Agrees to the establishment of the post of fixed-term Project Officer (First World War), Grade 10 until 31 December 2015.

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