



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND DECISION MAKING

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WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

Delivering the Destination Heritage in Hinckley & Bosworth and North Warwickshire Areas

Report of Director (Environment & Planning)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report concerns the establishment of a budget to cover expenditure and income in preparation for a heritage consultant role. The consultant's work will cover both the Hinckley & Bosworth and North Warwickshire Borough Council areas

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members note the application that has been made for LEADER funding.

- 2.2 In accordance with financial procedure rules members approve:-

a, a supplementary income budget of £36,200 to reflect external funding that will be received to fund delivery costs.

b, a supplementary expenditure budget of £36,200 to cover delivery costs.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 Members will be aware that this council is working in partnership with North Warwickshire Borough Council to deliver the LEADER programme that covers the rural areas of Hinckley & Bosworth and North Warwickshire. To date LEADER has funded a number of projects that include farm productivity; farm diversification; small businesses; tourism; forestry; culture and heritage; and community initiatives. Grants are between £2,500 and £50,000.

- 3.2 North Warwickshire Borough Council acts as the Accountable Body for this £1.4 million LEADER programme dealing with administration and the employment of the project manager and support officer

- 3.3 In July, after an Expression of Interest was approved, HBBC submitted a full application to the LEADER programme for the employment of a consultant for up to 12 months working 3 days per week to co-ordinate the work of small heritage groups across the two boroughs, in both the urban and rural areas. The Destination Management Plan produced for the two boroughs identifies that heritage and history are key strengths that the two areas share. The historical links, including those to the Romans; the Battle of Bosworth; and Henry Tudor, are of national significance and these and other key assets such as industrial heritage warrant greater awareness-raising. This project will enable the exploration of these assets and develop activities that serve to educate and raise awareness of them.
- 3.4 The LEADER application is for a grant of £34,200 (full project cost = £38,200 with £2,000 match funding from the HBBC Economic Development Initiatives budget and £2,000 match from NWBC). The application is due to go before the LEADER Local Action Group decision making panel in October and we are hopeful that the project will be successful. HBBC will act as the Accountable Body for this project. Accordingly a budget needs to be created for the heritage consultant role to cover expenditure and income. Only two claims will be made to the Rural Payment Agency at DEFRA (provider in the UK of the LEADER funding) and therefore HBBC will need to bank roll the money for the consultant's monthly payments.

4. EXEMPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

- 4.1 This report is to be taken in open session.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [CS]

- 5.1 The gross project cost is £38,200. This will be funded from £34,200 grant income from the LEADER application and £2,000 from NWBC. The balance (£2,000) will be funded from existing council budgets.
- 5.2 Therefore, in accordance with financial procedure rules a supplementary income and expenditure budget of £36,200 will be required.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [AR]

- 6.1 None

7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The heritage project has synergy with the Corporate Plan's vision under 'People' by 'Supporting an effective and viable voluntary and community sector'; under 'Places' by 'Supporting and celebrating our cultural and heritage facilities and events for the benefit of residents and businesses alike' and through the 'Prosperity' theme by 'Supporting our tourism partners to promote local attractions.'

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 To ascertain the need and support for this project evidence was gathered in the form of a survey, which was undertaken with local heritage groups across the two areas. The survey results showed that those consulted believe that the role of the consultant will have a positive and significant affect on their development and sustainability for years to come and will help build public awareness of local heritage assets.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

9.1 It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

9.3 No risks have been identified. If the LEADER project does not receive funding, the budget will not have to be created. If the application to LEADER is successful it will be fully funded and the consultant's contract will be tailored to the funding available.

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
None		

10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 This project will engage with all members of the community in both the urban and rural areas and will help build public enjoyment of local heritage assets.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications – none directly as a result of this report
- Environmental implications – none directly as a result of this report
- ICT implications - none directly as a result of this report
- Asset Management implications - none directly as a result of this report
- Procurement implications – the consultant has been chosen by following the council's procurement rules
- Human Resources implications - none directly as a result of this report
- Planning implications – none directly as a result of this report
- Data Protection implications - none directly as a result of this report
- Voluntary Sector – the voluntary sector will be involved in the project as described in the report

Background papers: None

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