
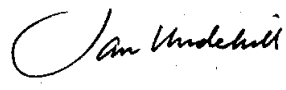


Report to:	Environment and Neighbourhood Committee	Date:	1 February 2018
Report title:	Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Projects		
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Ward/Areas affected:	Borough wide		
Chair of Committee/Lead Member:	Councillor Jill Whitehead		
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Corporate Plan Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Open Council • A Green Council • A Fair Council • A Smart Council 		
Open/Exempt:	Open		
Signed:	 Mary Morrissey, Strategic Director Environment, Housing and Regeneration	Date:	16 January 2018
	 Jan Underhill - Assistant Director, People Services Directorate (Wellbeing)	Date:	3 January 2018

1. Summary

- 1.1 In January 2013, Environment and Neighbourhood Committee agreed that eight bids should be considered for submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). After further investigation, four were deemed viable and submitted to the HLF. On 30 March 2017 Environment and Neighbourhood Committee received a report and approved works to the projects.
- 1.2 This report sets out the issues, changes and progress of the following projects:
- 1.3 Beddington Park HLF - The final stage 2 application for Beddington Park was successfully submitted to HLF in February 2016 with the approval of Environment and Neighbourhood Committee.
- 1.4 Whitehall HLF – The final stage 2 application for Whitehall was successfully submitted to HLF in

March 2015 with the approval of full council.

- 1.5 Glass Plate Negatives - project completed (with a grant of £96,300) and follow up project funding awarded of £95,000.

2. Recommendations

The Environment and Neighbourhood Committee is recommended to:

Beddington Park

- 2.1 To note the progress made on the project and the potential timeline revision due to the silt drying process.
- 2.2 Delegate authority to the Strategic Director Environment, Housing and Regeneration to agree any further adjustments to the Beddington Heritage Lottery Fund project designs.

Whitehall

- 2.3 To note the revised timeline for the Whitehall project. The museum will reopen in summer 2018 with project activities continuing until 2020.

Glass Plate Negatives

- 2.4 To note that the phase two project will be completed in September 2018.

3. Background

Beddington Park

- 3.1 The Beddington Park HLF Stage two bid was submitted in February 2016 and was successful in gaining lottery funding of £3,260,400 towards a total project cost (development and delivery) of £3,835,440.
- 3.2 As a pilot for 'Citizen Led Commissioning', officers continue to engage with stakeholders to gain an understanding and ownership of the project outcomes. A stakeholder steering group has been in place since the development stage.
- 3.3 The project is based on five key themes established in the original commissioning and consultation; 1) Access safety and Infrastructure, 2) Activities and Events, 3) Wildlife, 4) History, 5) Lakes and Waterways. These have remained at the core of the project and have been developed to meet stakeholder needs and match the requirements of HLF.

Whitehall

- 3.4 The Whitehall HLF project was submitted in March 2015 and was successful in gaining £1,522,300. A contribution required of the Council was £210,000.
- 3.5 The costs of delivering the capital elements of the project were in excess of initial estimates and the project team worked closely with HLF and an application for a grant top-up of £367,000 was



successful in December 2016, with additional funding from the Council of £138,400 being provided. Capital works will be completed in the spring of 2018 with the museum reopening in the summer 2018.

- 3.6 The Whitehall project will see essential repairs carried out to the listed grade II* structure and a significant improvement in the accessibility of both the building and services. Physical accessibility will improve from 15% to 80% of the building. Additionally the activity plan identifies target audiences including the elderly and those at risk of social isolation, children and families and small local businesses.

4. Issues

Beddington Park

- 4.1 Physical works commenced on site on 4 September 2017 under the main contractor R Durnell and Sons Ltd, with a number of specialist sub-contractors carrying out the various works including, lake works, playground construction, soft and hard landscaping, and building works.
- 4.2 All works, as set out in the report of 30 March 2017 to Environment and Neighbourhood Committee, are still as planned. The lake works have progressed well with dredging of the stock pond and main lake now complete. Soft landscaping is underway as is the work to refurbish and provide additional equipment in the Children's playground.
- 4.3 Work still to take place include the re-profiling and landscaping of the re-formed lake islands, and the movement of the silt, once dried sufficiently, to the former depot area to create additional woodland.

Whitehall

- 4.4 Whitehall closed to the public in April 2016 and the building cleared for construction work to start.
- 4.5 The project was delayed when the architectural designs were finalised and the construction element was tendered. This showed an unanticipated increase in the cost of construction coupled with restrictions on the use of heavy machinery due to the fragility of the archaeology on the Whitehall site.
- 4.6 The project team worked closely with the Heritage Lottery Fund who agreed that an application could be submitted for an increase to the project grant. This was completed in August 2016 and in December the project was granted additional funding of £367,000. The increased grant allowed for the project to go ahead in full with no reduction in specification. The construction company R. Durnell and Sons started work on site on 18 January 2017 and are due to complete in January 2018 when the interior fitout will begin.

Glass Plate Negatives

- 4.7 The development work on the project showed that a sub £100,000 project would not be sufficient to achieve all the digitisation and conservation work needed on the collection. The project was then divided into two phases. The first 'Past on Glass' focused on the story of the photographer and his studio, and the plates showing First World War service men. This project

was completed March 2017. The second phase 'Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Times' focussing on the women in the plates as we approach the centenary of the Representation of the People Act will be completed September 2018.

5. Process and Timeframes

Beddington Park

- 5.1 Final works on site to transport and use the dried silt to landscape the depot area in the northern woodland belt will be dependent on how quickly the silt dries to a point where it can be used. This may result in parts of the project being completed in early summer 2018. All other works are expected to be completed by the end of April 2018.

Whitehall

- 5.2 With construction at Whitehall now underway, a revised opening date of June 2018 is anticipated. This will coincide with the 40th anniversary of Whitehall first opening to the public.

Glass Plate Negatives

- 5.3 Phase two of this project is underway and due to complete in September 2018.

6. Future Schemes

Nonsuch Park

- 6.1 Nonsuch Park, which is situated in Ewell, is jointly managed and funded by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and the London Borough of Sutton. The Nonsuch Joint Management Committee (JMC), which comprises councillors from the two boroughs, agreed in principle at its meeting in November 2016 to progress with an HLF (Heritage Lottery Fund) Parks for People bid for the park.
- 6.2 A subsequent report had been expected to be taken forward to the JMC in early 2018 seeking approval to use identified match funding towards the bid and to progress with the first stage bid; however, in December 2017, the Heritage Lottery Fund announced that it had ceased its Parks for People programme with immediate effect, following a reduction in Lottery funding. Parks funding up to £5 million is still available via the Heritage Grants scheme, however it will be shared between museums, arts projects, and other heritage projects, which will impact upon the number of parks projects funded going forward. The final deadline for first stage applications for Heritage Grants is August 2018.
- 6.3 Officers are seeking advice from the HLF as to whether the provisional proposals for Nonsuch Park would fit the criteria of a Heritage Grants bid. The viability of putting together a bid in time for the final deadline will need to be given further consideration. Officers are assessing the prospects of making a bid and will be reporting back to the JMC accordingly.

7. Options Considered

Beddington Park

- 7.1 No modifications to the project have been necessary during this reporting period.



Whitehall

- 7.3 No modifications to the project have been necessary during this reporting period.

Nature Explorers

No modifications to the project were required.

8. Impacts and Implications

Financial

Beddington Park and Whitehall

- 8.1 The budgets for the delivery stage of both Beddington Park and Whitehall have been incorporated in the capital programme, monitored by Strategy and Resources Committee.

Glass plate Negatives

- 8.3 In 2013 the Council agreed to match funding of £10,000 which secured grant funding from HLF of £96,300.
- 8.4 The phase two application had match funding of £5,000 from existing resources which secured grant funding from HLF of £95,000.

Legal

- 8.5 The conditions attached to the HLF Grant will need careful consideration to ensure that the Council is confident of complying with them and that going forward, the conditions of the Grant that take effect post receipt of monies will be observed.
- 8.6 Non-compliance with Grant conditions would mean either that monies would not be forthcoming, or if in receipt of them, some or all would be repayable. Legal advice will be sought as and when necessary.

One Planet Living

- 8.7 This proposal for improvements to Beddington Park support the following One Planet Living Targets.
- 8.8 Cutting carbon emissions – The creation of a green travel plan as part of this project will aim to encourage sustainable travel by highlighting public transport connections. This will support the 'Sustainable Transport (ST) 3 Priority' target which aims To 'Increase the use of sustainable transport from a 2009/10 - 2011/12 average baseline of: 1% cycling to 2.2% cycling, 28% walking to 29.6% walking, and 16% public transport to 17.6% by 2017'.
- 8.9 Cutting waste – The works will seek to utilise as much silt from the lake as possible to facilitate landscaping in the park, and suitable existing pieces of playground equipment will be retained rather than disposed of needlessly. These actions will support the delivery of Zero Waste (ZW) 6 Priority target of '4,000 tonnes of Local Authority collected waste sent to landfill by 2017'.



- 8.10 Valuing our Natural Environment - existing habitats, such as the Carew Manor Wetlands, will be preserved and enhanced to increase the biodiversity in the park. Extensive flood modelling has been carried out on new designs for the lake to reduce risk of flooding. The Nature Explorers Project has enabled families and children to explore areas for nature with greater independence, reducing staff time and input delivering education.
- 8.11 Supporting Healthy Communities - The activity plan embodies this aim through active participation and opportunities for the community to engage with, and celebrate, the park's open space and rich heritage. Implementation will contribute towards the Culture & Heritage (CH) 1 Priority measure which records the 'number of annual volunteer hours for Sutton Library and Heritage Services.
- 8.12 The Whitehall project has encompassed sustainability as a core aim of the project. All elements of One Planet Sutton have been considered in the formulation of the project and this can be evidenced from the 3 key streams of the project – “knowing, sharing and saving” - “knowing” involves bringing the heritage of Whitehall to life in the community, “sharing” involves ensuring all elements of our community are able to experience and benefit from the project. These 2 aims incorporate the Supporting Healthy Communities, and Supporting the Local Economy themes of One Planet Sutton. The final aim – “saving” is about ensuring the building is developed and managed in an environmentally sensitive manner. The project includes a wide variety of energy, waste and water saving measures, and the preservation and reuse of existing materials and structures. Exhibitions and activities will feature information on historic food growing and local sustainable food. In this way the Whitehall project can be described as a One Planet Sutton showcase project.

Equality Impact Assessment

Beddington Park

- 8.13 An impact assessment has been completed with the factors covered having been taken into consideration as part of the activity plan, and through the work already completed to produce baseline data for an evaluation and monitoring framework document.
- 8.14 Work to produce the baseline data and activity plan identified areas where there are barriers to use as well as discrepancies between local demographics and those found on site during visitor observation studies and surveys. The activity plan aims to rectify this through targeted information, training, volunteering and events.

Whitehall

- 8.15 The impact assessment for Whitehall identified the opportunities the project provides to meet the needs of isolated communities around Cheam. Feedback from organisations offering support to vulnerable people in the community has shown that Whitehall has potential to offer a practical resource including a safe meeting place, opportunities for supported volunteering and useful leisure activity. Whitehall could also become a location for information and advice teams to engage with residents.
- 8.16 Feedback from children, families, teachers and children centre staff has shown that Whitehall has the potential to increase its engagement with young children and families through formal and informal learning and free or easily affordable school holiday and weekend experiences.



The project seeks to take into account the 'Kids in Museums Manifesto' in its services. Encouraging healthy lifestyles and whole family activity through walks, craft events, intergenerational events and support for museum visitors who may not have experience of visiting cultural venues have all been identified as developments within the project.

9. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix letter	Title
None	

Background documents
17 January 2013 Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Application Report 4 March 2013 Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Application Report 26 November 2015 Beddington Park HLF project report Environment and Neighbourhood Committee

Audit Trail		
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Consultation with other officers		
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Equality Impact Assessment required?	Yes	Katrina Lloyd

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