

Members Interest
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Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Joint Archive Committee 24 June 2021

Staffordshire History Centre Project Update

Recommendation(s)

1. That the committee notes the update on the Staffordshire History Centre project.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities (Staffordshire County Council) and Director of Strategy and Resources (Stoke on Trent City Council)

Reasons for Recommendations

Summary

2. The final application for £3.9m of funding was submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund on 1 March 2021. The total project costs are just over £7m.
3. The project team provided additional information and clarifications in response to requests from the grants officer during May.
4. A virtual site visit was delivered through an online meeting between representatives from the Heritage Fund, Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Families and Communities, members of the project board and team, and Chair of the William Salt Library Trust on 28th May. The project will now be considered by the National Lottery Heritage Fund: England, Midlands and East committee during June 2021.
5. A verbal update on the outcome of the Heritage Fund meeting will be provided to the members at this committee. A full report with the forward plan for the project will be presented to the next meeting of the Joint Archives Committee.

Appendix 1

Equalities implications:

The National Archives, stakeholders, partners and staff have been involved in the development of the project.

Legal implications:

The legal paperwork for the William Salt Library Trust and Staffordshire County Council has been reviewed and updated.

Resource and Value for money implications:

The delivery of the Staffordshire History Centre will enable the Archive and Heritage Service and William Salt Library Trust to achieve a sustainable model for future delivery.

Risk implications:

There is a risk that funding will not be secured for the project. This will impact upon the accreditation status of the Archive and Heritage Service. A review of options would be completed and approval for delivery of an alternative option would be sought.

Climate Change implications:

The project balances online access and physical access to services and collections to offer options for remote use and not necessarily travel to multiple locations. Any new buildings will be compliant with modern standards for energy efficiency and minimise impacts on climate change. The project includes elements to improve the outcomes for wildlife and the environment.

Health Impact Assessment screening:

The project will offer opportunities for volunteers to get involved and add value to the service with support and accredited training programmes from staff. Volunteering provides many social benefits for individuals which can impact positively on health.

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List of Background Papers

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