

Council Cabinet

12 June 2019



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ITEM 15

Addendum B

Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

Purpose

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the High Streets Heritage Action Zones scheme that has recently been promoted by Historic England and to seek approval to submit an Expression of Interest by 12 July 2019.

Recommendation

- 2.1 To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Public Protection and Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement for the agreement of and submission of the final High Streets' Heritage Action Zones Expression of Interest (EOI) as detailed in section 4.1.

Reason

- 3.1 To comply with the Council's Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The High Streets Heritage Action Zones scheme (HSHAZs) forms part of the much bigger Future High Streets Fund (FHSF) which the Council has recently pursued through an EOI. As part of that fund, £40m has been allocated to Historic England (HE) for work to support historic high streets as part of a four year programme from April 2020 to April 2024.
- 4.2 Cabinet agreed to submit an EOI for the FHSF at their meeting on 13 March 2019. This report also mentioned the HSHAZs but at the time this funding stream was not open for applications. The Council was notified about this opportunity becoming live on the 21 May with a closing date of the 12 July.
- 4.3 Derby is a national exemplar with regards to historic regeneration and has worked in partnership with HE over the last 10 years to improve and enhance much of the city centre through the historic shop fronts scheme and more recently the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) based around Green Lane in the city centre.
- 4.4 A proposal will be worked up in the next few weeks in conjunction with a number of external partners to further enhance the unique heritage aspects of the city's high street offer; this will also be supported by an innovative programme of community

engagement events and activities. This will carefully consider the nature and amount of match funding required to support the programme which is not known at this stage. The information provided indicates that HE will provide around 50% of project costs which can be increased if the need for this can be demonstrated and evidenced in the bid. It might be possible to secure some private sector match funding if the final proposal includes a grant scheme to building owners and tenants in a similar fashion to the previous historic shop fronts scheme.

- 4.5 If the EOI is successful, the Council will be invited to develop a full Programme Design to outline in detail the scheme content, deliverables and the timetable for delivery. Exceptionally HE may be able to provide financial help in supporting the production of the Programme Design at a level to be agreed.
- 4.6 If this happens a further report will be brought back to Cabinet outlining the full details of the scheme including the value of any DCC contributions. It will also seek the necessary delegations to submit the detailed bid and to accept the funding.
- 4.7 It is recommended that delegated authority is given to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Public Protection and Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement for the agreement of and submission of the final High Streets Heritage Action Zones Expression of Interest (EOI).

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Not applicable

Other options

- 6.1 Not applicable.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 The size of the bid along with the type and nature of match funding required will be worked up in the next few weeks and scrutinised as part of the delegation process.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None directly arising other than as set out within the report.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 **Personnel**
None directly arising.
- 9.2 **IT**
None directly arising.
- 9.3 **Equalities Impact**
None directly arising
- 9.4 **Health and Safety**

None directly arising.

9.5 Environmental Sustainability

None directly arising.

9.6 Property and Asset Management

None directly arising.

9.7 Risk Management

None directly arising.

9.8 Corporate objectives and priorities for change

None directly arising.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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