

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19 JUNE 2019

HERITAGE HIGH STREETS FUND

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform the Committee of the opportunity of the Council to apply for grant and revenue funding from the Heritage High Streets Fund (HHSF), which builds upon and offers complementary funding to authorities looking to address and advocate heritage-led town centre regeneration.

2.0 Proposal

2.1 At the last meeting of the Economic Development Committee details were provided of the Council's submission to the Future High Streets Fund (FHSF). A decision on this bid is expected in the summer. On 22 May 2019 the Government launched the Heritage High Streets Fund (HHSF).

2.2 The HHSF makes available £62m nationally for not-for-profit organisations (e.g. local authorities, charitable trusts, or other public sector organisations) via an Expression of Interest (Eol) process which seeks to create a High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ). further details of how to apply can be found [here](#). The deadline for Expressions of Interest is **12 noon on 12 July 2019.**

2.3 The Director - Growth & Regeneration has taken the opportunity to discuss with Historic England the possibility of submitting a bid on behalf of Newark & Sherwood District Council. HE colleagues are generally supportive of a bid for Newark Town Centre, on the basis of vacant historic building, Heritage At Risk (Newark Conservation Area is 'at risk' given a number of vacant and dilapidated Listed Buildings) and the dangers to heritage within the town should the town centres vibrancy and viability significantly decline. Given the timescales involved it has not been possible to provide for the Committee a draft Eol. Delegated approval is therefore sought for the Director - Growth & Regeneration, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson, to submit an Eol if appropriate.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That delegated authority be granted to the Director - Growth & Regeneration, including consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson, to submit an Expression of Interest to the Heritage High Streets Fund.

Reason for Recommendation

To allow the Committee to support the ongoing re-imagination of Newark Town Centre and its rich but 'at risk' heritage offer.

Background Papers

Nil

For further information please contact Matt Lamb on Ext 5842.

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