

Decision Record – Approval for External Funding Bids to Support Service Delivery within Heritage & Environment

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Jeff Clarke Transport and Environment
Date of Decision	19 Jan 2018 (Via email)

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment approves the submission of external Grant Funding bids on behalf the County Council in connection with 1 infrastructure project and 5 service delivery projects as detailed in Section 3.

Reasons for Decisions

The Council's Constitution requires that bids for external funding are approved by the relevant Portfolio Holder.

Background Information

Detail of Bids

Kingsbury Water Park: Iron Age Round House

This is a project to enhance both the visitor offer at Kingsbury Water Park and specifically to add value to the Environmental Education and Heritage Education programmes delivered across Heritage & Environment. The project will involve the reconstruction of an Iron Age Round House at Kingsbury Water Park to provide a focus for heritage education and environmental education activities and support formal learning through the National Curriculum.

The total bid value will be up to £200,000 over 1 or 2 financial years. Potential funders include Heritage Lottery Fund and grant making bodies listed in Appendix 1. WCC match funding is available within existing Heritage & Environment capital allocations / reserves.

Warwickshire County Record Office: Warwick Castle Collection

This is a project to catalogue the Warwick Castle Archive held by the Warwickshire County Record Office. Attempts to catalogue this vast collection have been made over a number of years. However, no systematic appraisal of the collection has ever been made. As one of the most valuable collections within the County Record Office, the Warwick Castle collection has significant potential value both in terms of academic research and commercial opportunity.

The total bid value will be approximately £200,000 over 3 financial years. Potential funders include The National Archives and grant making bodies listed in the **Appendix**. WCC match funding is available within existing Heritage & Environment budget allocations and reserves.

In addition, the service will seek smaller funding opportunities to catalogue and conserve Warwickshire's Archive collections. It is likely that the focus for this will be Coal mining, with a potential bid of £80,000 to The National Archives and the National Conservation Association.

County Arts Service: Hatton Archive & Mental Health Project

This arts-led project, inspired by the Hatton Asylum Archives held within the Warwickshire County Record Office, will provide a focus for a 2 year arts and mental health project across HCW's sites and activities. Working in partnership with District and Borough Authorities, the project will link closely with WCC's health and wellbeing agendas and culminate in a high profile exhibition at Market Hall Museum.

The total bid value will be £80,000 over 2 financial years. Potential funders include Arts Council England, Public Health and grant making bodies listed in Appendix 1. WCC match funding is available within existing Heritage & Environment allocations.

Warwickshire Museum Service: Collections Development

This project would focus on an application to the John Ellerman Foundation to support the costs of employing a specialist Collections and Interpretation Assistant within the Museum team to further research and develop our understanding, interpretation and access to the extensive Warwickshire Collection – which currently contains over 900,000 objects within the Museum Stores.

The total bid value would be £105,000 over 3 years, with the main funder being potentially the John Ellerman Foundation (see **Appendix**). WCC match funding is available within existing H&E allocations.

HCW will also bid for funding to support the purchase of treasure and other required items for the Collection, in line with WCC collecting policies, up to a potential value of £150,000.

Learning & Community Engagement Service: Engagement Projects

These projects would provide opportunities for broadening engagement and audience development across all of Heritage and Culture Warwickshire's sites and service areas over the next 3 years, developed in line with Service and WCC priorities.

Consisting of a number of small scale bids, each maximum bid value would be £15,000 and the main funders would potentially be West Midlands Museum Development, Henry VIII Trust and HLF alongside a number of smaller grant giving bodies.

Heritage and Culture Warwickshire: Partnership Development project

The service intends to work with partners in Higher and Further Education settings and local authority partners across the region to develop online services, volunteering and opportunities for young people by submitting funding bids to organisations like HEFCE, Heritage Lottery Fund and Arts Council England. The maximum total value of each individual project is likely to be approximately £30,000.

Financial Implications

As set out in the report

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered
<p>Link to published proposed decision report:</p> <p>https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4112/Committee/587/Default.aspx</p>

List of Background Papers
None

Members and officers consulted or informed
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