

Museum Heritage Quest Centre : Interim Report and Timetable

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Summary

This report is to advise members of progress to date with fundraising for the Heritage Quest Centre and the proposed timetable for making an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Donations and grants to date demonstrate an encouragingly wide range of support from across the district, from the county and beyond. The Heritage Quest Trust has been established and is being registered with Entrust to enable it to apply for large grants from landfill tax credits; once the likely outcome of these applications is known, the project team will make a formal request in March 2007 for an appropriate capital contribution from the Council so that the application to the HLF can be made.

Recommendations

Report for information only. A workshop for members is to be arranged.

Background Papers

Minutes of Resource Centre Project Team meetings

Impact

Communication/Consultation	Ongoing consultation, fund-raising and publicity by Museum staff
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	Target audiences for project will be young adults, family learners and rural communities in Uttlesford
Finance	Request for capital contribution from Council will be made in March 2007
Human Rights	N/A
Legal implications	None with HLF until a grant award is offered by HLF. Grants already raised from other sources need to be spent on Heritage Quest Centre within reasonable time span.

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Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	Museum Service

Situation

- 1 By 22nd January 2007 about £100,000 has already been raised, mostly from local donations and grants, and with donations and fund-raising continuing. Apart from the financial aspect, this demonstrates a very good spread of funding partners and local support (which has been district-wide), which will be noted by HLF. A breakdown is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 2 Other potential sources currently being investigated and include further donations or sponsorship from local businesses; more fund-raising events; further trusts and especially two substantial landfill tax grants (Biffa and Viridor Credits). It is hoped that these will bring in over another £100,000 minimum.
- 3 The Museum's application to HLF will go forward with a statement of support from Colchester Museum and the East of England Museum Hub, confirming Saffron Walden Museum as one of the key local museum services in the region for the deposition of significant archaeological archives from recent and continuing development in the district.
- 4 Numerous other foundations, trusts and organisations have been investigated; there are very few which cover local museum service projects but the Saffron Walden Museum Society and its charitable status have enabled the Museum to raise grants and donations from sources which would otherwise be unable to support local authority services.
- 5 The project team intends to report in March 2007 on the results of further fund-raising and with a project budget. Committees will be asked to approve a capital contribution and give permission for the application to be made to HLF.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Slippage of timetable: results of landfill tax grants not known by Jan 2007	Medium	Medium	Urgency in completing registration of Museum Society with Entrust, to enable applications to Biffa and Viridor to proceed. Application to HLF could still be made conditionally (i.e. on anticipated incoming funding)
Loss of other grants / support and HLF interest if unable to proceed within reasonable time	Low at present, will increase if postponed	Low at present, will increase if postponed	Proceeding to timetable as indicated – HLF funded an audience development study for HQC in 2005 and application ought to be made within 2 years of that

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Appendix : Breakdown of Funds Raised by 22nd January 2007

Saffron Walden Museum Society	10,000
BAA Stansted	32,000
Museum Fund-raising events	3,148 - 70

Grants and Donations – Uttlesford : £ 19,421

Uttlesford Parish Councils* and Village Societies	1,949
Uttlesford Businesses	576
Uttlesford Residents	7,321
Gestingthorpe Trust	50
Robert Roaf Charitable Trust	500
Roger Graham Charitable Trust	2,500
Bell Education Trust	25
Help-in-kind (landscaping by Peter Clayden)	6,500

** 8 parish councils to date (Chesterford, Elsenham, Gt and Lt Hallingbury, Hempstead, Henham, Littlebury, Quendon & Rickling) plus letters of support from Debden and Stansted Mountfichet*

Grants and Donations – Essex : sub-total £ 16,635

Essex Art Fund	30
Friends of Braintree Museum	75
Colchester Young Archaeologists Club	20
Essex County Council Community Initiative Fund	12,500
Essex Heritage Trust	4,000
Essex residents (outside Uttlesford)	10

Grants and Donations – Other : sub-total £ 10,925

Higham Chicele Society (visiting from Northants)	25
National Grid TRANSCO Foundation	1,000
Ernest Cook Trust**	4,900
Tanner Trust**	4,000
Mercers Company	1,000

*** Specifically for educational outreach to schools*

£ 92,129 - 70

Further donation (to be confirmed) from a local business
should bring total to around £100,000