

Briefing Paper to the Wyke Area Committee

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Wards:

Avenue, Bricknell and
Central

NLHF Regeneration Projects: Pearson Park, Beverley Road Townscape Heritage and National Picture Theatre

Briefing Paper of the Assistant Director: Major Projects and Infrastructure

1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary

The purpose of this briefing paper is to update Members of the Wyke Area Committee on the regeneration projects delivered by Major Projects and Place.

2. Background

2.1 Major Projects and Place is currently delivering a range of large scale capital development projects across the city, including three National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) projects within the Wyke Area of Hull.

2.2 This briefing paper outlines the latest progress on the three live projects within the Wyke area in terms of specific development and delivery activities.

3. Issues for Consideration

3.1 **Beverley Road Townscape Heritage (TH) Scheme**

The five-year TH Scheme is investing funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in the Beverley Road corridor between Queens Road and Freetown Way. The scheme includes a targeted grants programme to deliver improvements to historic buildings, public realm improvements works and a comprehensive programme of educational and outreach activities.

- The new Assistant Project Manager, who will be managing the project, commenced in post on 4 January. In the meantime, an existing Assistant Project Manager in Major Projects has been looking after the project to ensure that progress is maintained.

- Grant funding agreements for Pendrill House and Trafalgar Street Church have been signed. The grant funding agreements for Stepney Station and Rose Villa are in progress.

3.2 Pearson Park Restoration Project

The Pearson Park restoration project has delivered significant improvements to the built heritage and the landscape within Hull's first People's Park through a £3m grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. In addition to physical regeneration, the project is also delivering a five year Activity Plan to engage local people in a range of new activities on the park.

- The contractor returned to site in November to complete defects and snagging works across the site. These have all now been completed.
- New pond features have been installed in the conservatory. The planters that surround the ponds have been planted. A temporary cover over the water has been installed for safety, with a bespoke cover currently being manufactured. The bronze sturgeon fountain heads are being manufactured, to be installed above the ponds.
- Bespoke planters for the central area of the conservatory can now be installed, the process of which is being managed by Parks and Open Spaces.
- Three new aerators have been installed in the lake, which will significantly improve the water quality. The fountains add an impressive display in this area of the park and are very close to the design of the original fountains.
- Improvements have been made to the path at the rear of the conservatory to reduce flooding issues in that area.

3.2 National Picture Theatre Project

The project will stabilise and preserve the Grade II listed remains of the National Picture Theatre, Beverley Road, a cinema bombed during World War II. This will prevent further deterioration of the structure, restore heritage features and open the site to the public.

- The production of the detailed design package is progressing well with the Project Officer facilitating regular meetings between the design team and Trust.
- The process of discharging planning conditions is being progressed.

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