

<b>Briefing Paper to the Wyke Area Committee</b> 16 September 2020	<b>Wards:</b> Avenue, Bricknell and Central
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## **NLHF Regeneration Projects: Pearson Park, Beverley Road Townscape Heritage and National Picture Theatre**

### **Briefing Paper of the Assistant Director: Major Projects and Place**

#### 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.

- A Stage 2 grant has been awarded to 53-55 Beverley Road. The decision record is being drafted and the contract is being drawn up. Once the grant

agreement is in place, the owner will proceed with the process of appointing a contractor to undertake the work.

- A Stage 1 application for 72 Beverley Road has been approved by the Project Board. The applicant has now appointed a professional advisor to assist them in the development of their Stage 2 application.
- The procurement process for the Boundary Treatments has been completed. The contractor has been appointed and a pre-start meeting arranged. The project will involve the repair and reinstatement of stonework and installation/ repair of railings, to re-establish boundaries at six sites (15 properties) along Beverley Road. Site work will commence in early autumn.
- The Project Officer is working with eight other businesses to bring forward Stage 1 and 2 grant applications. Examples of completed projects at 129-133 and 78 Beverley Road, and the Station Inn, have helped to promote the potential that grant funding offers.
- The delivery of large-scale events as part of the project's Activity Plan has currently been paused due to Covid-19. The project's social media pages have been used to engage with the local community and promote the project. A leaflet titled 'I Love Beverley Road' is in production by Groundwork to promote the road's heritage and diverse community.

### **3.2 Pearson Park Restoration Project**

The Pearson Park restoration project is delivering improvements to the built heritage and the landscape within Hull's first People's Park following the award of 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.

- Delivery of the project on site is virtually complete. There are some snagging works to be undertaken and final elements of the East Lodge refurbishment to be finished, which the contractor is returning to complete from mid-September.
- Restoration and refurbishment work completed includes: the restoration of the Entrance Gateway; refurbishment of the Bowling Pavilion; installation of the new bridge and bandstand; installation of heritage kerbing; cleaning of the statuary; improvements to the Ice Cream Kiosk and significant hard and soft landscaping works.
- Planting inside the conservatory is establishing well. The building will remain closed until the plants have grown to a sufficient size, as they are

vulnerable when freshly planted. Options for the installation of fish tanks are being developed by HCAL's Zoo Manager.

- A series of 'Healthy Holiday' craft activities were held at the park during the summer holidays. Over 230 craft packs and 400 heritage trail leaflets were distributed to children using the park.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearson Park and the completion of the restoration work was held in late August. The event was undertaken following social distancing requirements and was limited to 30 attendees in line with government guidelines.
- An interim evaluation of the project is currently being undertaken by a team of consultants, which is an NLHF requirement. This will assess the success of the restoration work and the delivery of the Activity Plan.

### 3.2 National Picture Theatre Project

Following a successful first stage pass, the Council is developing a second stage bid for a NLHF Heritage Grant to restore the former National Picture Theatre on Beverley Road in partnership with the National Civilian World War II Memorial Trust. Upon completion of the development work, the second stage bid will be submitted for evaluation by the NLHF. If successful, the NLHF will then release funding to deliver the improvement works on the site.

- Work to stabilise the structure with temporary propping has been completed and safe access to the site can now be gained. Surveying of previously inaccessible areas to ascertain levels measurements has been completed, which will inform the design of ramped access.
- The multi-disciplinary design team is making good progress to develop plans for the site. RIBA stage 2 drawings have been produced and reviewed by the Steering Group, which are now being further refined.
- Consultancy support to assist in finalising the Activity Plan for the project has been procured. They are interviewing members of the Trust and project team to further develop the document and ensure it is NLHF compliant.

## 4 Next steps

- 4.1 The report highlights the significant external funding being invested within the Wyke Area that is supporting the realisation of the economic and social regeneration objectives within the Council's 10 year City Plan.

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