

HAIG COLLIERY MINING MUSEUM

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Summary:

Haig Colliery Mining Museum is to submit an updated Business Plan to the Heritage Lottery Fund in June / July 2007. The bid needs to illustrate support from Copeland Borough Council. The Council has been requested to commit £25,000 as revenue support for the financial year 2009/10.

Recommendation:

The Executive is recommended to support the Haig Colliery Mining Museum Business Plan submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund through the commitment of £25,000 in 2009/10, to be drawn from the existing fund earmarked for supporting the Museum.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Haig Colliery Mining Museum has recently reviewed its Business Plan in light of a forthcoming funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for Capital funding to support the refurbishment work for a newly designed and improved tourist attraction.
- 1.2 The overall aim of this project is to develop a facility for the local community with a wide range of uses including: meeting /seminar rooms; Community based training; main function room for a variety of uses, including conferences; and a bar/café function. The facility will also be a hub for the Coastal Park and an educational resource for school visits.
- 1.3 The estimated capital costs of the refurbishment work is £5.6m (incl. VAT), with £3.2m being sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- 1.4 Part of the Business Plan review was to analyse potential income/revenue sources that would form part of the project's future sustainability. A gap in revenue funding has been identified during 2009/10 for a period of 12 months.

- 1.5 The Haig Museum is a key element within the Coastal Fringe project which is one of four main strands within the Whitehaven Regeneration Programme.

2. ARGUMENT

- 2.1 A robust and strong business case indicating secure revenue streams in the future will enhance Haig Colliery Mining Museum's application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. An indication of funding support from Copeland Borough Council will strengthen the bid. However, it should be noted that Copeland Borough Council's participation is conditional upon a successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

3. OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 3.1 An indication of financial support from Copeland Borough Council to the amount of £25,000 for Haig Colliery Mining Museum in 2009/10.
- 3.2 No financial support from Copeland Borough Council for Haig Colliery Mining Museum in 2009/10.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Members support the proposed option outlined for funding of £25k during 2009/10.

5. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)

- 5.1 The £25,000 requested is to be drawn, should it be required, from the earmarked fund to support the Haig Museum, primarily set aside in case that there should be any claw back of European funding. There are no human resource implications.

6. PROJECT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The project has been subject to a recent Business Plan review and on-going annual public sector revenue support commitment is needed in order to underpin a Heritage Lottery Fund Business Plan.

7. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN

- 7.1 Haig Colliery Mining Museum is part of the Coastal Fringe Programme which is part of the wider Whitehaven Regeneration Programme. Implementation of Whitehaven Regeneration Programme (2.2.1) will impact on the current Copeland Borough Council 5 year plan.

List of Appendices

None

List of Background Documents:

Draft Haig Colliery Museum Business Plan

List of Consultees:

Mike Tichford (Head of Regeneration), Sue Bamforth (Head of Finance), Cllr Wormstrup, Cllr Ashbrook

CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed. This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the paragraph number in the report in which it has been covered.

Impact on Crime and Disorder	An increase in local leisure/tourism provision will have a positive impact on young people and a reduction on anti social behaviour
Impact on Sustainability	N/A
Impact on Rural Proofing	N/A
Health and Safety Implications	None
Project and Risk Management	N/A
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	N/A
Children and Young Persons Implications	An increase in provision of local historical facilities in the area will enhance the number educational opportunities and personal development activities in the area
Human Rights Act Implications	N/A

Please say if this report will require the making of a Key Decision ~~YES~~/NO