



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 4

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**Report by Councillor Kenny McLean, City Convener for
Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm**

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HLF Great Place - Glasgow Canal Heritage Project Update

Purpose of Report:

(1) To provide an overview of the HLF Great Place Glasgow Canal Heritage project; and (2) to seek approval to release £35,000 HLF Great Place funding to Scottish Canals for a partnership activity as part of the project.

Recommendations:

The Committee is requested to:

1. Consider the overview of the HLF Great Place Canal Heritage project; and
2. Approve the release of £35,000 HLF Great Place funding to Scottish Canals for partnership activity as part of the Glasgow Canal Heritage project.

Ward No(s): 3, 10, 11, 16

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes No

consulted: Yes No

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Great Place Scheme is a new Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) programme, launched on the 29th of March 2017 to support projects in areas where there is a commitment to embed heritage in local plans and decision-making.
- 1.2 The overall aim of this fund is to enable organisations to make a step-change in how they work together, and with organisations in other sectors, in order that heritage contributes more to meeting local social, environmental and economic objectives. This is a pilot scheme for HLF, designed for projects which can be built on in the future, and whose learning can be shared with other places.
- 1.3 In late 2017, HLF announced the allocation of £2.16 million funding for nine projects. Of this, the Glasgow Canal Heritage project received £340,100 HLF funding, following a two stage application process. Further details of the fund are published on the HLF website at:
<https://www.greatplacescheme.org.uk/scotland>.
- 1.4 The overall Glasgow Canal Heritage project is being coordinated by Development and Regeneration Services, with some activities being delivered through local partner organisations and agencies. The overall project forms part of partnership approach of the Glasgow Canal Regeneration Partnership, which has been operational since 2008.

2. Glasgow Canal Heritage Project

- 2.1 The scope of the project, which will be undertaken over the next two years, has been developed in partnership with a range of local organisations. The project has evolved out of the intensive local engagement undertaken in 2014 and 2015 for the two planning charrettes for Port Dundas; and Woodside, Hamiltonhill, Applecross and Firhill. The project also supports the place-based delivery of key objectives of Glasgow's City Development Plan and will help inform the preparation and delivery of the North Strategic Development Framework (SDF).
- 2.2 The HLF approved project work plan includes a diverse set of actions that support a partnership approach to unlock the potential of the area to create a vibrant neighbourhood for people to live, work and visit. The main outputs of the project includes:
 - The production of a cultural heritage arts strategy for the area; a refreshed Canal Action Plan 2021-2026; a Business Plan for the Glasgow Canal Cooperative; and a Strategic Development Framework for North Glasgow.
 - The delivery of a volunteer and training programme, providing education and qualifications for local people.

- The delivery of a local communities ideas programme, empowering organisations to undertake heritage activism.
- Supporting the growth of the Glasgow Canal Festival and fringe heritage events, targeting diverse local audiences including Black, Asian and minority ethnic audiences and young people.
- The delivery of a stalled space heritage programme, inviting artists, designers and architects to propose physical installations along the canal to engage local people with heritage.
- Providing a platform for professionals and universities to explore new ideas to help stimulate inclusive growth opportunities in the area, using the proven Test Unit Summer School model.
- The delivery of a digital competition to stimulate ideas for engaging communities with the local heritage of the canal.

3. Funding

- 3.1 Overall the funding secured from HLF Great Place Scheme is £340,100, at an intervention rate of 65%. The funding for this project will be spent over a period up to the end of 2020. Match funding from a range of partners including Scottish Canals, Test Unit, Tourism Development Destination Fund and Glasgow City Council DRS Funding has been identified. This contributes to a project total of £519,558 (inclusive of the HLF investment) to support delivery of the approved HLF work plan.
- 3.2 One of the core and early activity of the project is the preparation of a Cultural Heritage Arts Strategy. This strategy will be coordinated by Scottish Canals who have been identified as the lead for this project activity. Direct involvement from the wider Glasgow Canal Regeneration Partnership will be provided throughout this activity. The preparation of this strategy will require a mix of specialist skills and knowledge. Therefore the activity will require the support of external consultants, commissioned through Scottish Canals. The Glasgow Canal Heritage project has identified £35,000 of the HLF Great Place budget to support this partnership activity. Accordingly, approval is sought to release this HLF Great Place funding to Scottish Canals to support the delivery of this key activity.
- 3.3 Through the development of the project, including the preparation of the Cultural Heritage Arts Strategy, key local partners will be identified to lead on emerging activities. This may result in future reporting to the City Administration Committee to request the release of further HLF funding, to facilitate greater local partnership working and place-based capacity building.

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

- Financial:* The HLF Great Places Funding has secured £340,100 additional investment inward to this priority regeneration area. This will be administrated through GCC as the lead partner.
- Legal:* GCC Legal Services has conducted due diligence on the process to provide partnership grants to organisations to help deliver on the key objectives of this partnership project.
- Personnel:* Personnel resources required to assist in the delivery of the wider programme have been accounted for within existing resources, from in-kind contributions for partner organisations and identified allocations within the HLF grant.
- Procurement:* No current procurement matters.

Council Strategic Plan:

The project supports the following themes:

- A Thriving Economy - A resilient, growing and diverse city economy where businesses thrive
- A Vibrant City - Glasgow is world class destination for tourism, culture, sport, events and heritage
- A Sustainable and Low Carbon City - Citizens use active travel, including walking and cycling
- Resilient and Empowered Neighbourhoods - Citizens and neighbourhoods can influence how services are developed and budgets spent.
- A Well Governed City that listens and responds - Citizens are more involved in local, and city wide decision making.

The project will support the following priorities:

- No 13 - Maintain Glasgow's reputation as a world class city for heritage and events building on the legacy of 2014.
- No 71 - To promote and enhance our city's natural resources including nature reserves and public parks.
- No 93 - Consult with our citizens at the earliest stage on policy and service design, demonstrating how we have addressed their views.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22

The project will help deliver **Outcome 9 & 10** in developing a strategy that is influenced and shaped by the diverse local community and helping reduce the barriers to their participation in arts, learning, physical activity and culture associated with the Canal area.

The project will help deliver **Outcome 11** in developing a strategy that celebrates and promotes the Canal's diverse cultural, economic and natural legacy.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

The heritage strategy will be developed through extensive consultation and engagement of the local diverse community of residents and organisations and help better reflect their aspirations for the area and its development.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.

The 'Culture Heritage Arts Strategy and Action Plan' developed as a result of extensive local engagement will help inform and influence local policies, actions and investments in the area in the short, medium and long term.

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental:

The Strategy will help promote actions towards further development and preservation of the environmental resources and greenspaces in the area such as the Claypits Local Nature Reserve, Glasgow's only inner-city Local Nature Reserve and the Canal itself. The strategy will also help promote interest in active travel along the Canal.

Social, including Article 19 opportunities:

The strategy will be developed with extensive engagement of and for the benefit of the local community, to create a product that is inclusive.

Economic:

Promoting the area's economic legacy will be a key element of the strategy, with focus on supporting and stimulating further economic growth through existing and new businesses, social enterprises and similar ventures. The action plan will also outline opportunities for growth, skill building and further training for the local resident and business community.

Privacy and Data Protection impacts:

The provisions for GCC levels of privacy and data protection have been included in the standard conditions as part of the projects grant award letters prepared with support from Legal Services.

5 Recommendations

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