

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of the Keighley Area Committee to be held on Thursday 22 January 2015

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Subject:

Keighley Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI): Progress update

Summary statement:

This report informs Members of the progress being made in the Keighley Townscape Heritage Initiative grant scheme.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report informs Members of the progress being made in the Keighley Townscape Heritage Initiative grant scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The THI is a £2.7 million grant scheme funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Bradford Council. It contributes to the regeneration of North Street, Church Street, Bridge Street and parts of High Street and Low Street. The scheme commenced in June 2011.
- 2.2. Endorsement has already been given for grant funded improvement works for the following projects:
 - 30 North Street – converting vacant space into offices, reinstating traditional shop front, external repairs
 - The Arcade on North Street – converting redundant office space into 13 apartments, reinstating traditional shop fronts, external repairs
 - Keighley Civic Centre (the former police station) – external repairs to roof, rainwater goods, stonework and windows
 - 3 High Street – restoration work and structural repairs
- 2.3. At the Keighley Area Committee on 29 October 2013 it was resolved that the THI Officer would produce quarterly overview reports on the progress of the THI scheme, and only submit individual progress reports for high value grants and contentious projects.
- 2.4. The Keighley THI is progressing well. Work to the Grade II listed 3 High Street (Jean Junction) is complete. Restoration works are complete at 28-34 Church Street, 4 Church Street and the Red Pig on Church Street.

The re-paving of North Street and High Street with stone flags is well underway.

The THI has a year to run (December 2015). Now that the impact of the THI is starting to show quite a number of property owners are coming forward for grants, particularly on High Street and Church Street.

A large number of projects will potentially start on site in the next few months, however there are still challenges.

A number of heritage events have been organised throughout the course of the THI. In March a Heritage Skills Training course will be held for local construction students and another will be held later in the year for contractors.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 There are no other considerations arising directly from this report.

4. OPTIONS

That Members are made aware of the progress of the Keighley THI.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

5.1 There are no financial implications for the Keighley Area Committee.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 There are no risks arising directly from this report.

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

7.1 The HLF require the Council to follow the THI guidance notes which set out how to manage the scheme and make grant payment requests.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

8.1.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising directly from this report.

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

8.2.1 Sustainability of all projects within the THI is addressed in line with HLF recommendations and conservation philosophy. Original features will be retained unless they are beyond repair, and sustainable materials will be used as much as possible where renewal is required. Stone for the paving on North Street and High Street has been sourced locally from a quarry in Halifax.

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

8.3.1 No issues arising from this report. Wherever possible, work within the THI will be carried out to minimise greenhouse gas emissions.

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.4.1 There are no Community Safety implications arising directly from this report.

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

8.5.1 There are no Human Rights issues arising directly from this report.

8.6 TRADE UNION

8.6.1 There are no Trade Union issues arising directly from this report.

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

8.7.1 The THI project takes place in Keighley Central Ward.

9. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The support of initiatives that promote conservation and the local heritage of Keighley.

10 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

11 RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 That the report is noted.

11.2 That the Area Committee considers any implications for its local area management function and/or the deployment of resources under its control arising from this report.

12. APPENDICES

None.

13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Minutes of the Keighley Area Committee 11 September 2014

Minutes of the Keighley Area Committee 27 February 2014

Minutes of the Keighley Area Committee 12 December 2013

Minutes of the Keighley Area Committee 29 October 2013

Minutes of the Keighley Area Committee 14 March 2013

Minutes of the Keighley Area Committee 12 April 2012

Minutes of the Keighley Area Committee 22 September 2011

Minute 17 of the Keighley Area Committee 21 July 2011