

# Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of the Keighley Area Committee to be held on Wednesday 22 April 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. Out of the THI grant budget of £2,700,000, a total of £1,916,000 has been committed or spent. £535,000 has been allocated to projects that are progressing well or are likely to go ahead. This leaves a figure of £249,000 allocated to projects which are less likely to go ahead, including projects which are challenging. Other property owners continue to express interest in grant funding so it is anticipated that the total figure will be spent within 5 years of the THI commencing.

The THI is due to end in December 2015; however it is likely that a request will be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in June 2015 to extend the THI until June 2016.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has approved funding to lay stone flags along the pavement on North Street as far as Albert Street to the north of Keighley Library. This work is almost complete.

A number of projects have planning consent and are due to start on site in the spring and summer. These include 12-14 High Street, 44-46 High Street, 48 High Street and 56 Church Street.

In March 2015 a heritage skills training course was held for construction students at Keighley College and another is planned 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 No implications.

### **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 from a Pennine quarry.

#### **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 22 January 2015

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