

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Epping Forest and Commons Committee	09 Sep 2013
Subject: Kenley Revival Project – Options Appraisal Report for Project Gateway 3-4	Public
Report of: Director of Open Spaces	For decision
Summary	
<p>On the 13th January 2013 this committee agreed to submit a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for Round 1 funding for the Kenley Revival Project, which aims to conserve historic airfield structures associated with the Kenley Airfield. On the 11th September the HLF are expected to announce the result of the application.</p> <p>To avoid delay in proceeding to the next stage of this project, and if the decision is favourable, it is proposed that the Kenley Revival Project can be submitted to the Projects Sub-Committee for Gateway 3-4 Options Appraisal approval on 25th September. The Project Sub-Committee will determine whether to accept the offer of grant funding and proceed with the development phase of the project.</p>	
Recommendation(s)	
Members are asked to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the forthcoming HLF decision on funding for the Kenley Revival Project • That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Open Spaces, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to approve the Options Appraisal report for presentation at the Project Sub-committee subject to the decision of the HLF. 	

Main Report

Background

1. The Kenley Revival Project aims to conserve the historic airfield structures associated with Kenley Airfield during World War II and to promote the heritage resource to make it accessible to a wider range of people.

2. The Chairman presented the proposed project to the Projects Sub-Committee on 10th January 2013 and gained authorisation to proceed with an application to the HLF.
3. The City Corporation submitted a funding bid to the HLF on 6th June 2013 requesting a grant of £66k to develop the project and, if successful at the second-round, a further grant of £829k to deliver the project.

Current Position

4. The London Committee of the HLF is meeting to decide on the first-round application on the 11th September 2013. The Projects Sub-Committee meets on the 25th September 2013 and if the HLF bid is successful a paper detailing the proposed delivery of the project must be presented to the Sub-Committee.

Options

5. The proposed project would aim to conserve the physical heritage of Kenley Airfield, including the Fighter Blast Pens, Firing Range, Fuel Dump and other associated features. The project would involve volunteers in practical conservation. A key part of the project would be the development and conservation of an archive relating to wartime Kenley, including the cataloguing of artefacts, documents and photographs to identify and record heritage.
6. The Options Appraisal report which would be presented to the Sub-Committee in the event of the bid being successful provides details of how the project would be delivered, the costs and timing of the project.

Financial and risk implications

7. The current application to HLF is for a grant of £66,000 for the development stage of the project. Should the second-round application be successful it is estimated that a further grant of £829,000 would be required to deliver the project. Therefore the total grant request is £895,000.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

8. The historic landscape of Kenley Airfield and its associated features are of national significance. By conserving them project would be providing a service to London and the nation which supports the strategic aim of *Provide valued services to London and the nation*.

Conclusion

9. You are asked to note the application to the HLF. The timing of the HLF meeting is such that this committee will not have the opportunity to consider the Options Appraisal report before the Projects Sub-Committee meets. It is therefore proposed that powers are delegated to the Director of Open Spaces, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to agree the report to the sub-committee following news of the bid.

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