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Epping Forest and Commons Projects Sub Committee	12/03/2018 14/02/2018	
Subject: Kenley Revival Project Project at Gateway 6 - reporting	Issue Report: Regular	Public
Report of: Director of Open Spaces Report Author: Andy Thwaites	For Decision	
<u>Summary</u>		
<p>90% of the funding for the Kenley Revival Project comes from the Heritage Lottery Fund. HLF require project budgets to make provision for contingency and expect it to be used subject to their approval.</p> <p>The original contingency budget was £93,657. The use of approximately £21,000 of this has been authorised since the project commenced in October 2015, mainly in relation to the conservation works (use of a separate budget for inflation was also authorised).</p> <p>Whilst work to conserve the Fighter Pens and Firing Range has finished, the ambitious programme to involve people in learning about and enjoying Kenley's heritage is ongoing. The original budget for this aspect of the project was £330,000.</p> <p>There is now the opportunity to capitalise on this success and do more to broaden the range of people involved in the project by re-scoping the activity programme for the second half of the project.</p> <p>A further £28,000 is needed to deliver the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community archaeology - engagement of Museum Of London Archaeology to supervise the dig and Unexploded Ordnance experts to fulfil a watching brief. • Learning Festival Year Two - engagement of arts practitioners to deliver sessions with schools and in public libraries. Delivery of a Learning Festival Roadshow in July with tours of local libraries with workshop and a Learning Month in November delivering workshops in schools on the theme of remembrance • Increased amount spent on education activities including equipment purchase to do more object handling and loan box sessions, and to deliver more outreach workshops. <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorise the use of £28,000 of the contingency budget to fund changes to the activity programme. 		

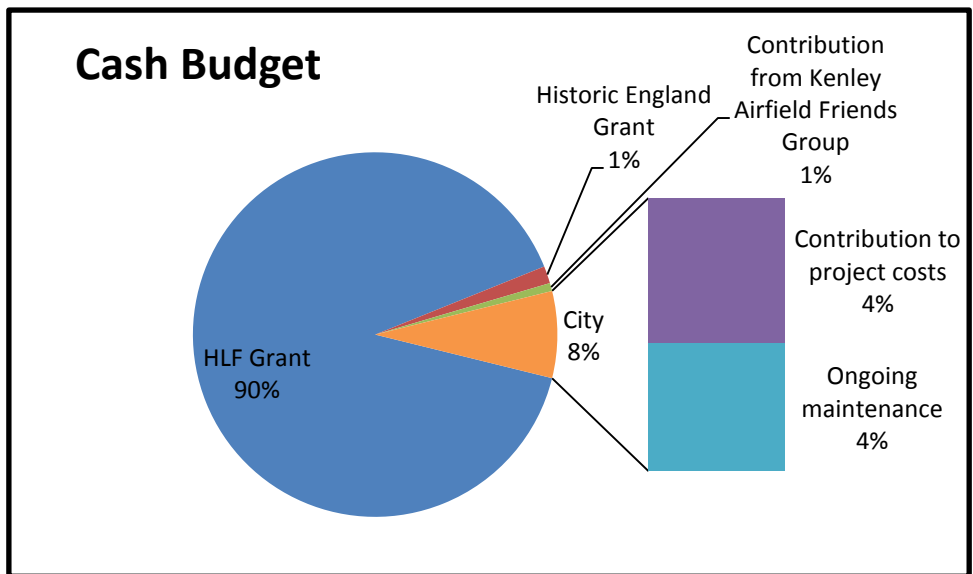
Main Report

1. Issue Description

1a. The total cash budget for the Kenley Revival Project comprises:

Funding source	Amount
Heritage Lottery Fund	£880,900
City of London – match funding	£ 40,012
City of London – ongoing maintenance	£ 35,190
Kenley Airfield Friends Group	£ 7,000
Historic England	£ 15,000
Total	£978,102

The ongoing maintenance element from the City actually represents a saving over a 10 year period on the pre-project 20 year plan projection for maintenance work at the site.



1b. The project commenced in October 2015 and will run to April 2019, so is just over half way through. Already it is exceeding targets. For example:

- Target for number of volunteers engaged 300. Already 789.
- Target for students attending Learning Festival 500. Actual 856
- Target for attendance at Heritage Day 500. Actual 2,000
- Target for attendance at Sky Heroes Day 500. Actual 5,000

1c. There is now the opportunity to adapt the activity programme for the second half of the project to capitalise on this success and ensure all stated outcomes are comprehensively met.

	<p>1d. The project aims to achieve twelve of HLF's outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage will be better managed • Heritage will be in better condition • Heritage will be better interpreted and explained • Heritage will be identified and recorded • People will have developed skills • People will have learnt about heritage • People will have changed their attitudes and/or behaviour • People will have had an enjoyable experience • People will have volunteered time • More people and a wider range of people will have engaged with the heritage • The local area/ community will be a better place to live, work or visit • An organisation (specifically the Kenley Airfield Friends Group) will be more resilient <p>1e. Achievement against these outcomes is monitored by the project's Evaluation Consultants. They have reported that progress is good to date. They have also noted that engagement with the local community has greatly exceeded the original targets, but that there is still more work to do to widen the range of people engaged.</p> <p>1f. In response the project team has developed proposals to deliver some activities in a slightly different way to target particular audiences and to include more outreach work to involve a wider range of people. It is proposed that the scope of the very successful Learning Festival is broadened and that the community archaeology event extends to two weeks.</p> <p>1g. HLF has already agreed these changes and the use of the contingency budget.</p> <p>1h. Using £28,000 of the contingency budget will leave approximately £45,000 remaining.</p>
<p>2. Last Approved Limit</p>	<p>Authority to access £49,000 of contingency and inflation budgets to complete conservation works was granted in August 2017.</p>
<p>3. Options</p>	<p>A – Authorise the use of £28,000 of the contingency budget to deliver the revised activity programme.</p> <p>B – Restrict the use of the remaining contingency budget. Scale back the proposed level of activity, not deliver the community archaeology event and run a smaller learning festival. It will still be necessary to access approximately £6,340 of the budget to pay for additional items already authorised by HLF (editing of oral history videos and professional event management at Sky Heroes Day).</p>

Appendices

Appendix 1	N/A
Appendix 2	N/A

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