

Appendix 4

Minute Extract from Council Cabinet 18 October 2005

148/05 Prioritisation of Heritage Lottery Projects

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the prioritisation of Heritage Lottery projects. It was reported that the Heritage Lottery Fund – HLF – had asked Derby to prioritise its major capital projects in order to support forthcoming bids. The projects most likely to need HLF funding over the next five years were:

- The Railway Roundhouse
- The Silk Mill Museum
- St Helen's House

All are in Council ownership.

Options Considered

This process began with the widest possible call for projects. Only those in the report met the criteria in terms of impact and value.

Decisions

1. To take to Derby City Partnership's Strategic Co-ordination Group a request to assign priorities to the various large-scale projects which would compete for Heritage Lottery Fund – HLF – grants from now to 2007/08
2. To place the Roundhouse and the Silk Mill at the top of the Council's priority list for buildings in its ownership.
3. To place St Helen's House as the Council's third priority.
4. To request the Director of Development and Cultural Services to write to the Heritage Lottery Fund to ask if St Helen's House can still be eligible for funding in the near future despite its likely standing in the list of priorities in particular in view of its status as a Grade 1 listed building.

Reasons

1. The Roundhouse had a well developed Business Plan which hits targets in both heritage and economic development terms.
2. The Silk Mill is part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, and its sustainability is assured as one of Derby's important Museum sites.
3. The proposals on St Helen's House are not yet at a stage to demonstrate that they will meet HLF criteria or that the Business Plan provides a sustainable future.
4. However St Helen's House is still seen as a worthy recipient of Heritage Lottery Funding. A solution to its preservation needs to be found. The decision to place St Helen's House as the Council's third priority meant that as things stand there is little likelihood of Heritage Lottery Funding being available in the near future.