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Culture and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Report of Councillor Richard Cleaver,
Leader of South Kesteven District
Council

Grantham High Street Heritage Action Zone Programme Update – as at September 2023

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Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the progress of the High Street Heritage Action Zone storefront regeneration programme, aimed at helping unlock the heritage potential of the town and assist in economic recovery within Grantham Town Centre.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Culture and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1. **Reviews and endorses the report first presented to both the Finance and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 September 2023 and Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 October 2023.**
2. **Agrees to receive a report on the closure of the programme in six months.**
3. **Is invited to share any comments they may have on this report with the programme board.**

Decision Information

Does the report contain any
exempt or confidential
information not for publication?

No

What are the relevant corporate
priorities?

Growth and our economy

Which wards are impacted?

Grantham St Wulfram's Ward

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

1.1 The full financial implications are set out in **Appendix A**.

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Legal and Governance

1.2 To avoid unnecessary duplication please see the information provided in **Appendix A**.

Risk and Mitigation

1.3 To avoid unnecessary duplication please see the information provided in **Appendix A**.

1.4 A risk register has been produced for the programme and can be found at **Appendix B**.

Health and Safety

1.5 To avoid unnecessary duplication please see the information provided in **Appendix A**.

Diversity and Inclusion

1.6 To avoid unnecessary duplication please see the information provided in **Appendix A**.

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required?

No

Climate Change

1.7 To avoid unnecessary duplication please see the information provided in **Appendix A**.

2. Background to the Report

2.1 The delivery of the High Street Heritage Action Zone programme formally falls within the Economic Development function of the Council, and therefore under the remit of the Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee (FEOSC).

2.2 Regular reports are submitted to FEOSC for consideration. The last report to be presented to FEOSC was in September 2023. This was the first report to be submitted to the committee since the Local Government Elections in May 2023.

2.3 Prior to the May elections the High Street Heritage Action Zone programme fell under the remit of the Culture and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a heritage programme, and as such an update on the programme remains on the work plan of the Culture and Leisure OSC.

2.4 An update report was originally submitted to the Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2023, which was then further submitted to the Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 October 2023, as Shopfronts and funding now fall within the remit of that committee. The report is attached to this precis at **Appendix A**.

2.4 The programme risk register is included as **Appendix B**.

3. Key Considerations

3.1 To avoid unnecessary duplication, please see the information provided in **Appendix A**.

4. Other Options Considered

4.1 To avoid unnecessary duplication please see the information provided in **Appendix A**.

5. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 5.1 The Culture and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee has heritage as part of their remit. Sharing this update report will allow the Committee to carry out its overall function.
- 5.2 Closure reports serve an important procedural function by presenting findings to all invested parties. Closure reports make it easy to revisit findings and project details should the need arise. The report typically includes vital records of phase information, sign-off documentation, client and management approvals and any changes to the original plan. It is for this reason agreement is being sought from the Culture and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee to receive a further update in six months' time on the progress associated with the closure of the Grantham High Street Heritage Action Zone Programme.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix A - '*Grantham High Street Heritage Action Zone – programme update 2023*' – Report to the Finance and Economy Overview and Scrutiny committee, 19th September 2023.
- 6.2 Appendix B – Programme Risk Register

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 *Update on Heritage Action Zone shop front improvements in Grantham* – Report to Culture and Visitor Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, published 28 February 2023 and available online at:
<https://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/documents/s37009/Update%20on%20Heritage%20Action%20Zone%20shop%20front%20improvements%20in%20Grantham.pdf>
- 7.2 *Grantham High Street Heritage Action Zone Scheme* – Report to Cabinet, published 12 July 2022 and available online at:
<https://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=28342>