

PART A - Initial Impact Assessment

Proposal Name: Future High Streets Fund - Fargate and High Street – Front Door Scheme Update and Approval to Award Grant (EIA ID: #2215)

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Proposal Outline: To update on delivery of the Future High Streets Fund 'Front Door Scheme' and seek approval to award capital grants of: (1) £250,000 to The Sheffield Church Burgesses Trust, towards the costs of shop front improvements on Chapel Walk and internal access works and reconfiguration of vacant upper floors for new workspace; and (2) £650,000 to The Foundry Sheffield towards the costs of shop front improvements, internal ground floor access and reconfiguration works to vacant upper floors at Victoria Hall, Chapel Walk. (3) £250,000 for the Council to commission works of Public Art in Chapel Walk and; (4) £90,000 dedicated small grants for Chapel Walk that will be made available through Renew Sheffield to assist new and small businesses with capital fit-out costs on occupying vacant property. These grants and investments will result in job creation by addressing property vacancy and contribute to encouraging growth in the number of visitors to the City Centre. The outcomes will contribute to delivering the objectives of the Future High Streets Fund vision for Fargate and High Street.

Proposal Type: Budget

Entered on QTier: Yes

QTier Ref: # 001-20186-94043

Year Of Proposal: 23/24

Lead Director for proposal: Sean Mcclean

Service Area: Regeneration & Major Projects

EIA Start Date: 28/06/2023

Lead Equality Objective: Leading the city in celebrating and promoting inclusion

Equality Lead Officer: Ed Sexton

Decision Type

Committees: Sub-Committees

- Finance

Portfolio

Primary Portfolio: Place

EIA is cross portfolio: No

EIA is joint with another organisation: No

Overview of Impact

Overview Summary:

It is deemed there are no significant differential, positive or negative, equality implications arising from the recommendations in this report. The initial Equality Impact Assessment (918) for the 'Future High Streets Fund – Fargate and High Street', which includes the Front Door Scheme interventions, anticipated that these should be of universal positive benefit for all local people, with added benefit from the creation of a significant number of new full and part time jobs. The local socio economic and community cohesion impacts are anticipated to be particularly positive. The Front Door schemes in this report will require planning permission, which will ensure compliance with the

Equality Act 2010. The improvements include a reconfigured ground floor lobby on Chapel Walk for the Victoria Hall property to improve level access to the building.

Impacted characteristics:

- Age
- Cohesion
- Disability
- Poverty & Financial Inclusion
- Voluntary/Community & Faith Sectors
- Partners

Impacted local area(s):

Central

FHSF investment will have an impact across Fargate, High Street and Chapel Walk. This is a key link between SCC investment in HoC2 and Levelling Up Fund investment at Castlegate. The aim of the Front Door Scheme is to demonstrate and support landowners with the viability of repurposing buildings currently vacant or underused.

Consultation and other engagement

Cumulative Impact

Does the proposal have a cumulative impact:

Yes

Extensive consultation was undertaken throughout 2019 and meet with retailers, businesses, landowners and wider stakeholder engagement can be viewed at the link below. https://my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/matthew_hayman_sheffield.gov.uk

Impact areas:

Year on Year, Geographical Area, Across a Community of Identity/Interest

Initial Sign-Off

Full impact assessment required:

Yes

Review Date:

28/06/2023

PART B - Full Impact Assessment

Age

Staff Impacted:

No

Customers Impacted:

Yes

Description of Impact:

One objective of the FHSF project is to provide the environment to encourage more older people and families to live in the City Centre. This will be done through creating new homes on the upper floors of buildings alongside high quality amenity spaces, safe walking and cycling routes and a broad range of retail, food and drink offer.

Cohesion

Staff Impacted:

No

Customers Impacted:

Yes

Description of Impact:

The investment will deliver improvements to existing event (arts, culture and music) spaces in the City Centre with aim of growing visitor numbers with an expanded and wide ranging programme of indoor and outdoor events. The projects include investment in improving work and meeting spaces for third sector and charitable organisations.

Disability

Staff Impacted:

Customers Impacted: Yes

Description of Impact: The repurposing of buildings will see new front doors to Fargate, Chapel Walk and Surrey Street with new level access and lift access to upper floor apartments, workspace and cultural events space.

Partners

Staff Impacted: No

Customers Impacted: Yes

Description of Impact: The Front Door Schem' intervention will support landowners to address vacant property and bring forward new uses on the upper floors with new access for homes/apartments, flexible workspaces and arts, cultural and charitable events.

Poverty & Financial Inclusion

Staff Impacted: No

Customers Impacted: Yes

Description of Impact: The wider FHSF project aims to create 505 new jobs through new workspace and events space. It is expected a high proportion of these jobs will be for people not previously in employment. Its estimated that the Front Door Scheme investment will deliver/facilitate 227 of those jobs. Many of the jobs accommodated in the workspace provided through the Front Doors Scheme intervention are expected to be in sectors that have higher productivity than the Sheffield average, and which have demonstrated above average resilience in the face of Covid-19 (information and communication, and professional, scientific and technical activities).

Voluntary / Community & Faith Sectors

Staff Impacted:

Customers Impacted: No

Description of Impact: Community and cultural organisations will benefit from the use of improved affordable city centre space to foster social inclusion, and space to stage outdoor performances and events. This is particularly important in enabling the cultural sector to recover from the impacts of Covid-19.

Action Plan & Supporting Evidence

Outline of action plan: The programme for delivery and monitoring of the benefits has been agreed with the DLUHC. The identified projects have been approved by DLUHC through a change control process.

Action plan evidence: The full business case approved by DLUHC and a subsequent addendum addressing the impact of Covid 19 on the FHSF interventions. This was supported by extensive public and stakeholder consultation.

Changes made as a result of action plan:

Mitigation

Significant risk after mitigation measures: No

Outline of impact and risks:

Review Date

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