

CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2004

RECOMMENDATIONS

Set out below is a summary of the recommendations made at the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Group held on Wednesday, 21 April 2004. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this recommendation summary please contact Ian Senior.

1. **MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECT 2004/05**

The Conservation Advisory Group **RECOMMENDED** that the Portfolio Holder for Conservation

- (1) support the allocation of £3,000 from the Archaeology Grants budget, as a contribution to the Monument Management Programme in 2004-05 identified in paragraph 8 of the Conservation Manager's report;
- (2) authorise an allocation of up to £1,500 from the Conservation Budget to support the further interpretation of the MMP sites via the South Cambs Magazine and guided walk leaflets as identified in paragraph 9(f) of the report; and
- (3) Invite the County Archaeologists to present a six-monthly progress report to the Conservation Advisory Group and Portfolio Holder on the on-going Monument Management Programme during 2004-05 (to include developing archaeological initiatives) for consideration and prioritisation for the future development of the project.

2. **PROPOSED PILOT SCHEME: COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS - 2004/05**

The Conservation Advisory Group **RECOMMENDED** that the Portfolio Holder for Conservation

- (1) support a pilot scheme to develop Community Archaeology Projects in 2004-05, and allocate a sum of £5,000 from the Heritage Initiatives Fund to support the development of individual projects during the financial year, subject to approval of individual project design (to include evidence of partnership funding); and
- (2) invite the County Archaeologists to present a six-monthly progress report to the Portfolio Holder for Conservation and Conservation Advisory Group on the development of Community Archaeology Projects to enable consideration of effectiveness and future direction.

3. **LINEAR SITES: ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECTS - IMPROVING ACCESS AND INTERPRETATION ON FLEAM DYKE 2004/05**

The Conservation Advisory Group **RECOMMENDED** that the Portfolio Holder for Conservation

- (1) continue to support the Linear Sites Project in 2004-05, and allocates a sum of up to £11,960 from the existing budget for Linear Sites in the Heritage

Initiatives Fund, specifically to support the interpretation and access improvements on the Fleam Dyke to secure the preservation and enhancement of this key archaeological site in South Cambridgeshire, as described in the Conservation Manager's report;

- (2) continue to support the development of wider conservation and enhancement works on the Fleam Dyke by authorising complementary projects with partnership agencies; and
- (3) request the County Archaeologists to present a progress report, before the end of 2004-05, to the Conservation Advisory Group and Conservation Portfolio Holder on the development of the Linear Sites Project to facilitate consideration of future support.

4. CONSERVATION AWARDS 2004/05 - NATURAL HERITAGE

The Conservation Advisory Group **RECOMMENDED** that the Portfolio Holder for Conservation

- (1) support the launch of the Natural Heritage Conservation Award scheme in 2004-05, specifying criteria for consideration and classification of entries; and
- (2) support appropriate funding from the Conservation Portfolio budget for the production of commemorative plaques and for the staging of the award ceremony.

5. UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF THE RURAL URBAN FRINGE

The Conservation Advisory Group **RECOMMENDED** that the Portfolio Holder for Conservation

- (1) support the preparation by the Countryside Agency and Groundwork of a Rural Urban Fringe vision and 'toolkit';
- (2) support the drafting of a 'stand alone' Rural Fringe Area Action Plan for South Cambridgeshire, to be developed as an integral part of the Local Development Framework;
- (3) authorise a response to the consultation exercise supporting the draft proposals as set out in paragraph 11 of the Conservation Manager's report; and
- (4) authorise development of enhanced Rural Urban Fringe proposals in partnership with the Countryside Agency and Groundwork, and other appropriate agencies, for the benefit of the District, reporting back to the Conservation Advisory Group as projects are developed.

6. TREES AND HEDGEROW PARTNERSHIP SCHEME 2004/05 AND 2005/2006

The Conservation Advisory Group supported the Trees and Hedgerow Partnership in principle, but **RESOLVED** that detailed consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting, by which time officers would have had an opportunity to prepare a report exploring available options for continuation of the scheme.