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14th March 2017

Dear Matthew,

Reference: Creative Youth Network – Bristol Magistrates Court, Application for capital funding from the CIL budget.

At the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on the 4th April 2017 they are considering the application from Creative Youth Network for CIL funding to support the development of the Magistrates Court located on Bridewell Island on Bridewell Street. The Environment Sub Committee of the Neighbourhood Partnership have recommended a grant of £100,000 from the CIL budget towards the Stage One Heritage Enterprise Lottery Application to fully restore the Magistrates Courts. Since the meeting of the sub committee we have been advised by officers that the criteria for CIL funding is such that CYN should ammend their application.

Following discussions with officers of Bristol City Council and the Chair of the Neighbourhood Partnership CYN would like the committee to consider granting the £100,000 capital funding for one of the the following two options:

Option One

That the £100,000 is approved as match funding for the stage two Heritage Lottery Bid for the restoration of the Magistrates Court. The stage two funding will be used to carry out the physical works on the building which will cost an estimated £6m. The £100,000 of CIL funding will help us to unlock the Heritage Enterprise Lottery Funding and enable Creative Youth Network to fully restore the Grade 11 listed Magistrates Court and give 25,000 sq ft of space for the community in the centre of the city.

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Option Two

That the £100,000 is approved to carry out an immediate programme of capital improvement works to the Magistrates Courts as per the attached schedule of capital works. This would enable CYN to open up additional areas of the building and improving existing areas. The advantage of this approach would be that it would give more immediate benefit to the local community and young people.

The restoration of the Magistrates Court is part of the overall development of the Bridewell Island site for community benefit with a particular emphasis on services for young people and the arts. Creative Youth Network have already developed the old Fire Station which is now home to a wide range of different organisations such as, Young Bristol, Brook Clinic, Basement Studio, Ujima Radio, YMCA and CYN as well as a large number of organisations who hire facilities and deliver a very wide variety of services. The Fire Station was brought back into productive use with the support of a variety of funders who contributed £5.5m of capital grants.

The old Bridewell Police Station has also been brought back into use and has been partly refurbished and provides a wide range of services from a range of organisations including, ArtSpace LifeSpace, Learning Partnership West and Engage as well as providing artist workshops, a gallery, recording studios and performance space. The restoration of this building is continuing.

The CID building on site is currently being restored by the YMCA and converted into a youth hostel with a number of emergency beds for young people at risk. The YMCA has already been granted funding to cover part of their development costs by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is anticipated that the new youth hostel will open for business towards the end of this year.

The Magistrates Court which is the most significant listed building on the Bridewell Island site is on the buildings at risk register and is the most challenging to restore. Once restored

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this magnificent building will be the jewel in the crown of a range of prominent restored heritage buildings in the city centre.

Myself and other representatives from Creative Youth Network will attend the meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership to answer any questions members of the committee may have regarding our funding application.

Best wishes,

Derek Pickup

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Estates Development Director, Creative Youth Network.

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