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Title of meeting:	Culture, Leisure and Sport Decision Meeting
Subject:	The Capturing the Spirt Project
Date of meeting:	7 December 2018
Report by:	Director of Culture and City Development
Wards affected:	Paulsgrove and Cosham (Wymering)

1. Requested by

1.1 The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport

2. Purpose

2.1 To report on the achievements and the legacy of the HLF funded 'Capturing the Spirit' project in Paulsgrove and Wymering

3. Information**3.1 Background information**

3.1.1 At the Culture, Leisure and Sport briefing meeting in March 2016 members were advised of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to support a community project based in the north of the city. The impetus to the project was twofold: to collect images and memories of post-war residents of Paulsgrove and Wymering while they were still alive and to address the under-representation of that community in the city's museums and archives.

3.1.2 A successful application for £99,000 was made by the Paulsgrove and Wymering Trust, in partnership with the museums service, and the project ran from September 2016 to August 2018.

3.2 Significant achievements

3.2.1 Approximately 2,000 local residents of all ages engaged in the project through a programme of events, talks, tours, workshops and exhibitions.

3.2.2. Three part-time posts were created for the duration of the project, two of which were filled by trainees recruited from the local community, to whom a training programme was delivered.

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- 3.2.3 Over 1,000 images of Paulsgrove and Wymering were collected, which have been catalogued and digitalised for storing on the museum's MODES data base for future public access.
- 3.2.4 A number of oral history recordings were made and transcribed and copies entered into the city's archives.
- 3.2.5. A children's book was devised with a local primary school, copies of which have been lodged in libraries across the city.
- 3.2.6 A photography project depicting life in Paulsgrove and Wymering today was run with local teenagers, in liaison with the Hillside Youth Club. This project included workshops on photography, printing, design, web site creation and display and an exhibition was produced which is now on permanent display in the Hillside Centre.
- 3.2.7 Two 'memory boxes' were put together for use in reminiscence sessions with groups of older people, including those with dementia. These remain available on loan via the Portsmouth History Centre.
- 3.2.8. A film project was run in King Richard School which explored what it is like to live in the area, particularly for teenagers. Film making skills were taught over a series of workshops and the resulting film, edited by the young people, is available on loan via the Portsmouth History Centre.
- 3.2.9 A commemorative booklet was produced, edited by a small group of project volunteers from the photographs and memories collected. 2,000 copies of this have been printed: copies have been lodged in libraries across the city and the remainder distributed free to project participants and local residents.
- 3.2.10 A 'virtual tour' of the Paulsgrove and Wymering estates was produced by three local residents of longstanding. The 'tour' contrasts photographs of a number of key landmarks taken 'then' and 'now' and remains available on loan via the Portsmouth History Centre.
- 3.2.11 An exhibition, curated by local residents, was held in Portsmouth Museum for a ten week period. The display panels created remain available for future use in the museum archives.

4. Summary

This project offered a unique opportunity for the residents of Paulsgrove and Wymering to tell the story of the development of their community following World War II and to express their pride in their estates. This story, and that of the people who created the community, is now permanently recorded for future generations.

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Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Capturing the Spirit - Report to CLS meeting 18 th March 2016	Council web site

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Appendices: None

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