

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – L15 21/22

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Plymouth Sound National Marine Park - National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Heritage Horizons Grant.
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Nick Kelly – Leader of the Council
3	Report author and contact details: Kat Deeney, Head of Environmental Planning – 01752 304351 kathryn.deeney@plymouth.gov.uk
4	Decision to be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the £921,500 funding offer by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for the development phase of the National Marine Park (NMP) project. Allocate £801,500 into the Capital Programme. Funded by £500,000 of corporate borrowing (required match for the development phase) and £301,500 of NLHF Horizons funding. Ring fence a further £2million of Corporate Borrowing to support the Delivery Phase of the project. Authorises the procurement process and delegate the award of the contract to Service Director for Economic Development
5	Reasons for decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding has been offered by the NLHF and we need to formally accept the grant. Need to secure the required cash match funding to meet the terms of the funding and enable NLHF to provide formal 'permission to start' on the development phase of the project. Ring fence future funding to ensure availability of the required match funding for the Delivery Phase of the bid. Allocate the capital element of project onto the capital programme to enable the development phase of the project to commence, including the project procurement.
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not accept the grant – rejected because we would lose the funding from the NLHF. Do not provide the required cash match funding – rejected because we would lose the funding from the NLHF.
7	Financial implications and risks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £921,550 of funding provided by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to fund the development phase of the bid and enable the submission of the delivery phase bid in June 2023 to access funding of £8.6million.


- Corporate Borrowing allocation of £500k to meet the required cash match funding requirement.
- The debt charges arising from the Corporate Borrowing are funded from revenue resources. Consequently the endorsement of this project at this time commits the Council to a stream of revenue payments in the years ahead and given the scarcity of capital resources from 2022/23 onwards this will reduce the opportunity to select other capital schemes generally in the future where these depend on Corporate Borrowing. The expenditure committed by this decision is set out in the following table:

Financial Year	Revenue Cost £000
2022/23	28
2023/24	62
2024/25	94
2025/26	128
2026/27	151
The payments continue in the long term	

8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			X	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			X	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million
			X	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions			
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	<p>The NLHF Heritage Horizons funding will support the City aspiration to develop the UK's first National Marine Park within Plymouth Sound.</p> <p>The programme will deliver against policies within the Plymouth Plan including policy 'INT1 - Implementing Britain's Ocean City'. The NMP has been designed to support the City Vision as well as Plymouth City Council priorities: 'unlocking the City's potential' by making more of one of our greatest assets and due to the focus on engagement and inclusion it will also support the priorities within 'Caring for People and Communities', particularly reducing health inequalities, by providing more opportunities for a wider group of people to access the</p>		

		<p>health and wellbeing benefits the NMP can offer.</p> <p>The way the project will be delivered, with a focus on people and environment, will also support the City aspirations to be net zero by 2030. The Heritage Fund is the first large scale funding secured to support the NMP development.</p>		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>The NMP's whole focus is around encouraging positive behavioural changes and delivering an exemplar for environmental sustainability. Responding to the climate emergency will be at the heart of the NMP. The development phase will enable the testing and trialling of engagement approaches as well as designing the delivery stage interventions in a manner which is a flag ship for net zero carbon transition.</p>		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	X	(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency:			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	X	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted			
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	X	
15	Which Corporate Management	Name	Anthony Payne	

	Team member has been consulted?	Job title	Strategic Director for Place					
		Date consulted	6/10/2021					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS53 21/22					
		Finance (mandatory)	ba.21.22.125					
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/2/37137					
		Human Resources (if applicable)						
		Corporate property (if applicable)						
		Procurement (if applicable)						
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Plymouth Sound National Marine Park – NLHF Heritage Horizons Briefing Paper						
	B	Plymouth National Marine Park – Project Overview Document						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	X					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
Background Papers								
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of							

Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.							
Title of background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Plymouth Sound National Marine Park – Bid Submission to the Heritage Horizon Award							
National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant Offer.							
Cabinet Member Signature							
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.						
Signature			Date of decision	13 October 2021			
Print Name	Councillor Nick Kelly, Leader of Plymouth City Council						