

Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	23 February 2022
Title of Report:	Plymouth Sound National Marine Park – Heritage Horizons Activity Plan
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Your Reference:	220224 NMP Scrutiny Report FINAL
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The Plymouth Sound National Marine Park (NMP) was presented to the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting on the 8th December. The report set out an overview of all activity relating to the Park since its declaration in 2019 including the development phase work relating to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Heritage Horizon project. In the 8th December report one of the recommendations was for the Activity Plan for the NMP Horizons project to be presented to the Committee in February. Members requested that when the NMP Activity Plan for the Horizons Project was presented to the Committee in February it would need to include an in depth focus on the community engagement methods and aims.

The Activity Plan presented therefore sets out the aims and approach to community engagement and how the work will be evaluated and evolved as a result of what is learnt throughout the Activity Phase of the project.

Recommendations and Reasons

- The Brexit Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorse the approach to community engagement as detailed in the NMP Horizons Activity Plan.
- The Committee asks for the outputs and learning from the NMP Horizons Activity Plan delivery to be presented to it in March 2023 to enable any recommendation of the Committee to be included in the Delivery Phase bid for the NMP Horizons project.

Alternative options considered and rejected

Option: To progress with the NMP Horizons Project and deliver the development phase activity plan without the input of the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Option dismissed as the Committee specifically requested oversight of the community engagement approach that will be delivered through the NMP Horizons Activity Plan and the NMP is a strategically important project for the City that requires oversight of its development and delivery.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The NLHF Heritage Horizons funding will support the City aspiration to develop the UK's first National Marine Park within Plymouth Sound. 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 health and wellbeing benefits the NMP can offer.

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.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

This update report has no direct financial implications.

Financial Risks

This update report has no direct financial risks.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

The National Marine Park and all its component parts are being designed to support a positive transition to net zero. Each project being developed will be designed to maximise carbon reduction and encourage behavioural change which supports the Climate Emergency 2030 ambition. The NMP Horizons Activity Plan will test and trial a number of approaches to engaging people with the climate emergency agenda and will share learning on the successful approaches.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give 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.

This update report has no direct other implications.

Appendices

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A	Plymouth Sound National Marine Park – Final Activity Plan Development Stage.							
B	Plymouth Sound National Marine Park – Horizons Project Activity Plan Report Final							
C	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished 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.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Draffan											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 11/02/2022											

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader)

Date approved: 15/02/2022