

# Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	07 December 2022
Title of Report:	<b>Plymouth Sound National Marine Park Update</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Pat Patel (Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Culture, Leisure & Sport)
Lead Strategic Director:	Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place)
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Your Reference:	221207 Scrutiny Report - PSNMP Update
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

The purpose for the report is to update on two elements of the Plymouth Sound National Marine Park development.

- Firstly an update on the NMP Horizons project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Project. The report provides an interim update on the year of listening, providing feedback and insights from the summer programme. The summer programme connected with over a million people and gained views about the NMP from over 8600 people. This work has led to a greater understanding of how people would like to play a part in the NMP and enjoy all it has to offer, as well as highlighting current barriers to use and enjoyment. The report also provides details on the next steps to producing a 'Delivery Stage' bid that will be submitted to the NLHF in summer 2023.
- Secondly a progress update from the Interim CEX of the NMP on the National Marine Park development work which covers, work to date, vision, purpose, delivery and next steps.

## Recommendations and Reasons

**Recommendation** – Note the National Marine Park updates

**Reason** – Acknowledge the progress that has been made on the development of the National Marine Park and the engagement work that has been conducted by the NMP Horizons project that is informing the development of the Delivery Phase bid.

**Recommendation** – Instruct officers to return to Scrutiny in Spring 2023 with a report that sets out the framework for the NMP Horizons Delivery Stage bid.

**Reason** – To enable Members of the Scrutiny panel to review the content of the NLHF bid and provide recommendations for any changes and/or additions.

**Recommendation** – Request the NMP Interim CEX returns to Scrutiny in 6 month's time with a more detailed update on progress.

**Reason** – The NMP programme will be more advanced in 6 month's time and will enable Scrutiny Members to have the opportunity to input into the development of the UK's first National Marine Park.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected**

**Option** - Officers could not return to Scrutiny to present a proposed framework of content for the NLHF Delivery stage bid. This would not give the Scrutiny Members the chance to influence the content of the bid.

**Options** – The NMP Interim CEX does not return to Scrutiny with further detailed work on the development of the NMP and Scrutiny Members are not able to influence further the development of the UK's first NMP.

### **Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan**

The NLHF Heritage Horizons funding will support the City's 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 part of the NMP Horizons project is being developed will be designed to maximise carbon reduction and encourage behavioural change which supports the Climate Emergency 2030 ambition.

## 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

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	221207 NMP Horizons Project Update Final							
B	221207 NMP Horizons Project Update Final Appendix I							
C	221207 National Marine Park Horizons Project - Summer Report 2022							
D	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

## Background papers:

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

*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: 28/11/2022

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Patel – Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Culture, Leisure & Sport, approved by email.

Date approved: 25/11/2022