

# Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	12 July 2023
Title of Report:	<b>National Marine Park Horizons Project – Pre-bid Submission Update</b>
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Your Reference:	23071   NMP Horizon Project – Scrutiny Update Cover Report FINAL
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

The NMP Horizons Project development stage has been running for nearly 2 years and in September the delivery stage bid will be submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Scrutiny reviewed the progress of the NMP Horizons project in February 2022. The Committee asked the team to return with a summary of the proposed delivery stage bid to enable a further review of the project before bid submission in September 2023.

This report sets out a summary of the project's progress over the development period. It covers the key learnings from the test and trial and engagement events that have been run to ensure communities have influenced the delivery stage submission. The report also sets out the key principles for the bid submission.

## Recommendations and Reasons

- The Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the project progress since the last report.
- The Committee endorse the approach to the delivery phase bid of the NMP Horizons project and supports submission of the bid in September 2023.
- The Committee requests that the project team return at regular intervals during the delivery stage to update on the progress of the project.

**Alternative options considered and rejected**

Not submit the delivery stage bid – This would prevent the City accessing the £8.86million set aside for the NMP project by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Not return to scrutiny to update on the NMP Horizons project during the delivery phase – This would prevent Scrutiny over a significant project as it starts to deliver for the City.

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

The NLHF Heritage Horizons project will support the City to deliver the UK's first National Marine Park within Plymouth Sound. The programme will deliver against policies within the Plymouth Plan including policy 'INTI - Implementing Britain's Ocean City'.

The NMP has been designed to support the City Vision as well as Plymouth City Council priority: 'making Plymouth a great place to grow up and grow old' by utilising one of our greatest assets in a manner which focuses on engagement and inclusion. It will also support the priority by reducing health inequalities, access to new skills and career pathways and 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.

**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

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A	NMP Horizons – Project Update June 2023 Briefing Report FINAL							
B	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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**Sign off:**

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Draffan											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 26/06/2023											
Cabinet Member approval: Cllr Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of the Council Date approved: 29/06/2023											