

Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee



Date of meeting:	14 July 2023
Title of Report:	National Marine Park Horizons Project – Pre-bid Submission Update
Lead Member:	Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children’s Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications)
Lead Strategic Director:	Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place)
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Your Reference:	230714 NMP Horizon Project – Mt Edgcumbe Update
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. Mount Edgcumbe is one of the key hubs for the project. The project includes provisions to enable access to the Garden Battery and Mount Edgcumbe will lead work on the maritime heritage for the project.
- 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 all sets out the key principles for the bid submission.

Recommendations and Reasons

- The Mount Edgcumbe Committee notes the project progress through the development stage.
- 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 the Committee to update on the NMP Horizons project during the Delivery Phase – This would prevent oversight over a significant project as it starts to deliver.

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 aspirations to be net zero by 2030.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The bid submission has no direct financial implications. The overall National Marine Park Horizons Project across the sites identified within the project update will require Plymouth City Council match funding. This project has been included in future capital programme funding assumptions (Capital Pipeline) with updated revenue costs to finance borrowing being included within the 2024/25 medium term financial plan.

Subject to final approval adding a fully funded project onto the capital programme it will result with ongoing revenue commitment to maintain the Garden Battery within the Mount Edgumbe repair and maintenance of grounds budget.

Financial Risks

This update report has no direct financial risks.

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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: Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications)

Date approved: 06/07/2023