

# Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	08 December 2021
Title of Report:	<b>Plymouth Sound National Marine Park</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader)
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Your Reference:	211129 NMP Scrutiny Report FINAL
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

The Plymouth Sound National Marine Park (NMP) originally declared as the first in the UK in 2019 has now secured the first significant investment through a successful bid to the National Heritage Lottery Funds, Heritage Horizon Awards. The development of the wider NMP is also being progressed through other secured funding and the recruitment of an Interim NMP CEO.

This report provides an update on the Development stage of the NMP Horizons project and the plans up until the submission of the Delivery stage bid in June 2023 as well as the progress and plans for the wider NMP development.

## Recommendations and Reasons

- The Brexit Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee become a key point of engagement in the development of the NMP future vision being led by the Interim NMP CEO.
- The Committee endorse the approach to the development phase of the NMP Horizons Project and that scrutiny have a continuing role in assessing the outcome and impact of the Activity Plan and development of the Delivery Phase bid.
- The Committee asks for the Activity Plan for the NMP Horizons project to be presented to it in February 2022.

**Alternative options considered and rejected**

Option: To progress with the development of the National Marine Park (NMP), both the NMP Horizons Project and the wider Park work without the input of the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Option dismissed as the NMP is a strategically important project for the City and requires oversight of its development.

**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.

**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	Plymouth Sound National Marine Park – Update Report							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

**Background papers:**

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Date agreed: 29/11/2021											
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