

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure & Sport

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decision on 04/04/17. It will become effective at Noon on 12/04/17 with the exception of any particular decision(s), which is (are) the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 11/04/17

**Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via Democratic Services**

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### **Transporter Bridge Heritage Lottery Bid**

#### **Options Considered/Reason for Decision**

The Cabinet Member considered a report regarding the proposed submission of a Stage 1 Heritage Lottery bid for repairs, restoration and improvements to visitor facilities at the Transporter Bridge. The report detailed the findings of the bridge inspection carried out in the summer of last year and drew attention to the need to extend or replace the existing visitor centre and improve the standard of the visitor experience to develop a more sustainable business model.

Heritage Lottery funding offered the Council the opportunity of maximising the value of any capital maintenance investment. A sum of approximately £1.2m needed to be identified in the capital programme if the project was eventually to be delivered. The Heritage Lottery Funding was oversubscribed and the major grants application process was extremely competitive with no guarantee of success. However, the Transporter Bridge was identified as a very significant piece of industrial heritage and providing the criteria for funding set by Heritage Lottery could be met, an application was likely to succeed.

At this point there was no commitment on behalf of the Council to ring fence any funding to support the bid, but underlined the likely capital spend requirement over the next five years to keep the bridge safe. It was concluded that the most efficient use of this money would be to support a comprehensive Heritage Lottery funded repair and restoration project. The need to demonstrate strong sense of commitment and the pitfalls of any demonstrable ambivalence was noted.

The proposed improvements to the visitor experience and the increased profile a successful bid would bring, would improve the Transporter Bridge's trading position for the future.

#### **Decision**

To approve the submission of a Stage 1 lottery application to the Heritage Lottery Fund subject to the necessary matched funding being identified in the 2018/19 Capital Programme.

#### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change,

All Members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment when previously circulated. Any comments received and responses thereafter are set out in the Report.

**Implemented By: Head of Regeneration, Investment & Housing**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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COUNCILLOR DEBBIE HARVEY, CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE AND SPORT

04 April, 2017