Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference

E 2885

The Archway Project: World Heritage Centre and Roman Baths Learning Centre

| Decision maker/s | Cllr Patrick Anketell-Jones, Cabinet Member Economic Development |
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| The Issue | To provide the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) with a written up-front commitment to the World Heritage Centre and Roman Baths Learning Centre created by the Archway Project for a minimum of 25 years |
| Decision Date | 16 August 2016 |
| The decision | The Cabinet Member agrees that the Council will run the World Heritage Centre and Roman Baths Learning Centre created by the Archway Project for a minimum of 25 years, subject to Council review of this policy each financial year through business planning as part of its annual budget setting process. |
| Rationale for decision | To have the best chance of securing a grant from HLF, it is prudent to give them the assurance they seek. It is important for the case officer to have this confirmation at the time they present the Archway Project application to the HLF trustees. |
| Financial and budget implications | The operating costs and service supported borrowing costs related to the capital investment are incorporated in and fully funded by the 5 year Heritage Services Business Plan 2016-21 agreed by Cabinet in February 2016. |
| Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report) | Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Young People; Sustainability. |
| Consultation undertaken | The Archway Project has been the subject of lengthy and comprehensive consultation that has included schools (teachers and children), community groups, partner organisations and voluntary bodies and the results have been built into the project proposals. The s151 Officer and Monitoring Officer have also been consulted. |
| How consultation was carried out | Consultation with stakeholder groups has been undertaken by a variety of means including site visits, presentations, focus groups and public meetings. |
| Other options considered | Not providing HLF the "up-front assurance" that it has requested will place the Archway Project at significant risk of not securing the funding. |
| Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for | None |

| decision, including any dispensation granted: | |
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| Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision: | None |
| Signatures of Decision Makers | |
| Date of Signature | |

Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision