



Operational Officer Decision Record

Where the decision has a financial value of between £100k - £350k and does not have a **significant** impact on two or more wards

1. Subject and details of the matter (to include reasons for the decision and detail of any previous cabinet decision)

Holme Hill (EDC) Clock Tower condition improvements (the “Site”) - Heritage At Risk Works – Phase One

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing seeking approval for capital funding to undertake essential repairs to the Clock Tower, which would see the Site removed from the Heritage ‘At Risk’ Register.

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 6 November 2019, the resolution ‘**DN.56 Heritage Assets at Risk**’ was agreed and further a Key Decision ODR dated 8th February 2023, the works scope and tender was approved and works commenced on site.

As part of exploring external funding opportunities, Historic England were approached and have confirmed a contribution to these works by way of a capital grant of **£272,000.00**. As a result, this funding will offset a reduction in corporate funding for redirection to other projects.

2. Decision being taken

1. That the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets, accepts the £272,000 of funding from Historic England and enters in to contract to ensure the funding is spent in line with the grant conditions.

3. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits

The outcome of completing the works will remove one of the last of the Council owned heritage property assets from the 'At Risk' Register. These works will ensure the Site is managed in accordance with legislation around potential breaches, safeguarding the Council's reputation by reducing associated risk as well as benefitting the residents of the Borough from the restoration of the Clock Tower, for generations to come.

4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision

To do nothing and not accept the funding would place additional financial constraints on the Council in completing the scope of works. Releasing this element of corporate funding will ensure the equivalent sum can be redirected to other projects.

5. Background documents considered (web link to be included or copies of documents for publishing)

Heritage Assets at Risk - Cabinet Report - 6 November 2019 (CB 11/19/03)

Decision Notice: DN.56 - Heritage Assets at Risk

Former Holme Hill – Clock Tower condition improvements - Heritage At Risk - Exception Report – 2 December 2022

6. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons

No

7. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)

None

8. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)

The decision is consistent with the will of Cabinet and is appropriate for a decision of this nature. Legal colleagues will support in relation to the contract and grant conditions.

9. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)

The successful application for grant from Historic England will reduce the amount of corporate borrowing required to fund the approved capital investment at the EDC site.

10. Human Resource Comments (Head of People and Culture or nominee)

There are no direct HR implications.

11. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)

Heritage and culture in North East Lincolnshire is important to Place Making, Communities, Wellbeing and the Economy. There is potential that the Secretary of State takes formal enforcement action against the Council to regularise breaches, damaging reputation and presenting an increased risk of substantial budget to rectify the breaches.

The completion of the improvement works will remove the property from the Heritage 'At Risk' Register, minimising these risks. By using external funding in lieu of corporate funding will provide the opportunity for corporate resources to be redirected and the property to be brought back into use.

12. If the decision links to a previous one taken by Cabinet, has the Cabinet Tracker been updated?

N/A

13. Decision Maker:

Name: Sharon Wroot

Title: Executive Director, Place & Resources

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 26.03.24

**14. Consultation carried out with
Portfolio Holder:**

Name: Cllr Stephen Harness

Title: Portfolio Holder for Finance,
Resources and Assets

Signed: REDACTED

Date: 27th March 2024