

Record of a decision taken 21 October 2020

Worsbrough Mill Funding:- Development of Worsbrough Masterplanning including updated feasibility study for an Archimedes Screw and acceptance of Cultural Recovery Funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund

1 Subject

The Government has announced substantial additional funds put jobs and infrastructure at the centre of the government's economic growth strategy post COVID. These funds will be channelled through the Sheffield City Region (SCR).

In addition the SCR Mayor has submitted a funding request to Government for £1.6bn to support the economic recovery in the region. Following a report by Chamberlain Walker Economics, the Mayor has prioritised investment in arts culture and heritage. In addition the new SCR SEP, although not yet finalised, does put a higher emphasis on not just economic growth, but also vibrant and resilient places, sustainability and inclusion – an area closely associated with the arts culture and heritage sector interventions. A further £1.57bn package of support for the arts, culture and heritage sector will be channelled through ACE, NLHF and Historic England.

All of these funds will require a competitive bidding process and the ability to deliver projects in an 18 month timescale, successful schemes are likely to be the ones that are both shovel ready and able to deliver the necessary economic, jobs and skills outcomes as well as low carbon priorities.

The Culture and Visitor Economy Service has a number of projects in the pipeline that are able to deliver against these objectives for which detailed feasibility has already been undertaken. In order to give these projects the best chance of success when these funds become available some enabling funds are required and further larger scale investment at Worsbrough Mill is being sought.

Capital Oversight Board has agreed the following investment at Worsbrough Mill:

Worsbrough Mill- Archimedes Screw Low carbon scheme with ability to reduce energy costs generate income as well as adding a further attraction to the visitor destination	Review and update costs for 2014 feasibility to support bid for £50-£300K	£795
Worsbrough Mill Bakery/ Destination Development A transformative scheme to upgrade the facilities, significantly enhanced visitor destination, including bakery, training facility and flexible space for income generation	Review and update costs for existing feasibility scheme, to outline planning to support bid of £2.4M	£30,000
Worsbrough Mill shop	Relocate and increase size of shop to showcase flour, food products and nature related gifts	£45,000

In addition Barnsley Museums have secured external funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This requires no match funding but has to be spent by 31 March 2021.

Cultural Recovery Fund	Creating a Covid secure visitor experience and team work spaces, emergency works to the mill equipment, creating pop up flour sales capability together with business planning and additional marketing	£160,000
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Background Papers - Cultural Recovery Fund application



CRF Bid -
Application.docx

2. Key Risks associated with the proposed action

The main risk is to the grant funded element of this project is delivery of the scheme within a tight timetable and it is imperative that the project commence without delay. Specialist contractors are available to undertake the works to the historic mill mechanism, robust project management for the scheme is already in place and the team are experienced at delivering capital programmes. If the scheme did not progress the opportunity to enhance Worsbrough Mill would be lost, and the site would not be a Covid secure environment for the staff working at the mill.

Resource implications (financial / HR)

Funds have been allocated from the Council's capital programme and there is no match funding requirement for the Cultural Discovery Fund Grant

There are no HR implications as the project will be managed within existing resources

3 Recommendation

To proceed with the programme of improvements outlined above including the acceptance of the £160,000 grant from the Cultural Recovery Fund

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21.10.20
Date

Signed
Matthew Gladstone
Executive Director Place

Decision / Comments of the Cabinet Spokesperson

Recommendation Approved by Cabinet Spokesperson

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(Signed) Cabinet Spokesperson

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Date