

# INFORMATION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	12 JANUARY 2017	12
LYTHAM HALL			

## PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

At the last meeting members considered the Lytham Hall capital grant monitoring report. Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED that Heritage Trust for the North West be advised:

- 1. That the committee is not confident based on the information and evidence presented:*
  - (a) That the capital grant awarded to Lytham Hall has being spent in accordance with the Heads of Terms on the restoration project and*
  - (b) That the current trustees and management of the Heritage Trust for the North West are capable of successfully completing the restoration of Lytham Hall as originally envisaged*
- 2. That the Tourism and Leisure Committee ask for an independent audit to be commissioned to examine in detail and to ascertain:*
  - (a) The reasons for some of the major funding bodies pulling out of the project.*
  - (b) The findings of other work undertaken into the project such as the Moore Stephens report prepared by the Heritage Lottery Fund.*
  - (c) Whether in light of this information the borough council can have any confidence that the existing trustees and management of HTNW will ever be able to complete the restoration of Lytham Hall within a reasonable time period.*
  - (d) What has the £300,000 that Fylde Council gave to Lytham Hall been spent (to be suitably itemised)*
  - (e) Whether in light of the outcome of 2 (d) above, the council has any grounds to demand repayment of the £300,000 grant awarded by Fylde Council in 2011.*

Since the meeting officers have been in discussion with Blackpool Council who have agreed to carry out the independent audit on Lytham Hall as part of the existing support / shared arrangements in place. The Auditor assigned has started to review key sources of information and will be meeting to speak with key individuals involved in the project in order to produce a report for consideration by the March 2017 Tourism & Leisure Committee.

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Director of Development Services

**LINK TO INFORMATION**

[Tourism and Leisure Committee 3 November 2016](#)

**WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?**

To update members on the progress of the resolution from the last committee.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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