

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
COUNCILLOR FRADLEY	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	7 JUNE 2018	4
<b>LYTHAM HALL RESTORATION: PROGRESS TOWARDS A NEW HLF BID</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

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

### SUMMARY

The report is the latest update to the committee on progress against the recommendations approved in respect of the Lytham Hall Restoration Project and is part of the Council's objective to support a new Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid for the restoration of the Hall. The structural restoration work necessary at Lytham Hall can only be achieved through a new and significant HLF bid. The £300,000 capital grant the council made towards the HLF bid in 2012 was to deliver the restoration of Lytham Hall, this remains the priority for the council.

This is the sixth progress report the committee has received in the last 12 months and provides an update on events since the last report on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 during which time Councillor Fradley has continued the remit of the committee to facilitate a partnership that can deliver a new HLF bid for the restoration of Lytham Hall. This work has included a number of meetings with Heritage Trust North West (HTNW) and Lytham Town Trust (LTT) to develop a robust and constructive partnership with the resources to deliver a new HLF bid.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That members note the progress that has been made by all parties to develop constructive and progressive relationships which will support a new bid for the restoration of Lytham Hall.
2. That the committee continues to receive further updates through Councillor Fradley with particular focus on the timetable and plan for a restoration bid for the Hall.

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 Tourism & Leisure - Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Progress Towards a New HLF Bid  
 January 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 Tourism & Leisure – Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Progress Towards a New HLF Bid  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 Tourism & Leisure – Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Progress Towards a New HLF Bid  
 September 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 Tourism & Leisure - Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Progress Report  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 Tourism & Leisure – Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Rebuilding the Project  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 Tourism & Leisure – Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Independent Audit Report  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 Tourism & Leisure - Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Capital Grant Monitoring Report  
 November 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 Tourism & Leisure - Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Capital Grant Monitoring Report  
 January 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 Tourism & Leisure – Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Progress Report: Coastal Revival Fund  
 January 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 Cabinet - Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Capital Grant Monitoring Report  
 June 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 Cabinet - Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Capital Grant Monitoring Report  
 June 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 Cabinet - Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Capital Grant Approval  
 March 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 Full Council – Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Capital Grant Request  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 Cabinet – Lytham Hall Restoration Project: Capital Grant Request

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## REPORT

- At the Tourism & Leisure Committee on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 a progress update was provided by Councillor Fradley and the following recommendations were agreed by the committee:
  - That the committee notes there is progress being made by all partners to work together towards a new heritage lottery bid for the restoration of Lytham Hall.
  - The committee note that based on the evidence and information provided about the Lytham Hall restricted fund account that it cannot be used to contribute towards a new lottery bid for the restoration of the Hall.
  - That all partners are asked to focus on developing a time table for the submission of a new bid to the HLF for the restoration of Lytham Hall.
- The focus since the March 8<sup>th</sup> progress report has been to review and improve the partnership arrangements between HTNW (the tenant) and LTT (the landlord) particularly with a view to refreshing the membership of the Lytham Hall Executive which is part of the terms of the lease. If a successful bid is to be made to the HLF for the restoration of Lytham Hall it is important that the relationship between HTNW and LTT is constructive. Both parties have been engaged in a number of meetings sometimes with Councillor Fradley present and sometimes without to ensure that progress is made. The relationship between the partners has improved and work has started to map out and timetable the process for submitting a new HLF bid. The current Lytham Hall Partnership relations are good, open and realistic driven by dedicated professionals with the common goal to restore the Hall.
- One of the key requirements for a future HLF bid will be to ensure that HTNW have the necessary capacity to be involved with, and to deliver, a new HLF bid, this was a concern expressed in the Moore Stephens report commissioned by the HLF. All parties agree that a lot of constructive things have taken place over the last few weeks as the relationship between HTNW and LTT has improved. However, there is still a long way to go to rebuild confidence between all parties and there are a number of significant challenges that still need to be overcome, including financial management, leadership and the ability to deliver an urgent HLF bid.
- The appointment of a new Chief Executive for HTNW was identified as a key action as well as securing appropriate professional financial advice and support. Plans are in place to finance and recruit a new Chief executive at HTNW over the summer and capacity for financial support is being developed through closer working relations between HTNW and LTT. One initiative to enhance relations and improve capacity is Mr Steve Williams from LTT's Executive being appointed a trustee of HTNW and in a reciprocal measure Ms Laurie Peake will be invited to the next LTT Board meeting on July 11th 2018, and subsequently it is expected that she will be proposed as a member of the LTT Board.
- LTT and HTNW have a joint 'Brainstorming Strategy Session' scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, the purpose of this session is to develop and agree the way forward at the Hall. The primary focus will be on all parties working together to scope out a plan for the continued immediate conservation of Lytham Hall, which is gaining momentum, and agree a strategy for a restoration bid. The meeting will also involve confirm the way forward for the Lytham Hall Partnership and its involvement in managing the Hall.

6. The next steps include continued work on developing a new Lytham Hall Executive made up of LTT and HTNW representatives and to begin discussions with the Heritage Lottery Fund representative over a new bid. Councillor Fradley's opinion is that the mood between all parties with a stake in the restoration of Lytham Hall is more optimistic than it has been since the original bid was withdrawn.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	In August 2011 Fylde Council agreed a capital sum of £300,000 to support the Lytham Hall Heritage Restoration Project, which was paid in 2011/12 – the restoration of Lytham Hall has yet to be delivered.
Legal	There are no direct legal implications as a result of this progress update
Community Safety	There are no direct community safety implications
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no direct human rights or equalities implications
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no direct sustainability or environmental impact implications
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no direct health & safety or risk management implications

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
T&L Committee Meetings	November 2016 to January 2018	<a href="http://www.fylde.gov.uk">www.fylde.gov.uk</a>