

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	29 JULY 2021	6
KIRKHAM HERITAGE ACTION ZONE – FULLY FUNDED CAPITAL BUDGET INCREASE			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

The report sets out the details of the Cultural Programme Support Funding which was awarded to the council in addition to the HS HAZ award. This funding was via a separate grant of £80,000 was awarded by Historic England to establish a Cultural Programme and this will need to be added to the capital programme as a funded budget increase.

The matter was considered by the Planning Committee on 23 June 2021 as part of a wider report relating to the HS HAZ programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. to request approval of a fully funded capital budget increase of £80,000 to this scheme phased as detailed (£35,000 2021/22; £35,000 2022/23 and £10,000 2023/24) fully funded from a further grant award from Historic England of £80,000.
2. to note that a previous report has been provided to the planning committee (23/06/21) to authorise the £35,000 drawdown of expenditure for 2021/22 subject to this fully funded budget increase request.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

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 On 23 June 2021, Planning Committee resolved:

1. To note the spend to date on delivery of the High Street Heritage Action Zone programme of £123,000 (2020/21) & £73,000 (2021/22) which has been undertaken in line with emergency powers.
2. To approve the further draw-down of £917,802 in respect of Kirkham Heritage Action Zone which is included within the approved Capital Programme for 2021/22 and further reports will follow requesting drawdown from 2022/23 onwards.
3. To note that a further report will be presented to Finance & Democracy Committee at the next cycle of meetings to request approval of a fully funded capital funded budget increase of £80,000 to this scheme phased as detailed (£35,000 2021/22; £35,000 2022/23 and £10,000 2023/24) and that subject to this decision committee authorise the draw-down of £35,000 of this additional grant during 2021/22 to deliver the cultural programme.
4. That Councillor Liz Oades be nominated to Chair the Council's Kirkham Futures Steering Group that will oversee the delivery of the HS HAZ and FHSF programmes.

5. To authorise officers to establish a Kirkham Futures Community Project Board, consisting of representatives of the local community, key stakeholders, and delivery partners to act as a vehicle to engage with the local community during the development and delivery of the HS HAZ programme.

On 11 March 2021, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Leader of the Council, authorised the use of emergency powers to award contracts for the delivery of the HS HAZ fund in accordance with the approved grant award scheme.

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1. That Committee approves the detailed approach to the development of the final business case for the Future High Street Fund Business Case to be submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Officers will subsequently inform Committee of the outcome from which point further reports as appropriate, will be submitted to Committee highlighting the details and refined proposals for the future implementation and implications of the scheme. The scheme as submitted will also form part of a longer-term regeneration strategy for the town centre, to be fully developed and again brought forward for consideration by Committee.
2. That Committee agree to the recruitment of a Project Officer to assist with the delivery of the HAZ subject to confirmation of the grant award from Historic England. The post will be fully funded by the Historic England grant and associated match funding as previously agreed by Committee.

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Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve the broad approach to the development of the Future High Street Fund Business Case (as set out in appendix 1 of the report), which will also form part of a longer term regeneration strategy for the town centre, to be developed with full details of individual components of the scheme to be brought forward to Committee for consideration as appropriate in due course.
2. To agree and adopt the Future High Street Consultants Brief for the purposes of engaging the appropriate consultants and as a basis for the outcomes directly inputting into the detailed business case. (as set out in Appendix 2 of the report)
3. To approve the approach as set out in the report for the compilation of the Heritage Action Zone Programme subject to the detailed proposals being brought forward in due course, as appropriate
4. To agree to the formation of a Project Board to assist in the delivery of the initiatives should they be successful and that the matter of member inclusion be considered in due course.
5. To approve a request to the Finance and Democracy Committee for an addition to the Capital Programme in the total sum of £150,000 (£75,000 in 2019/20 and £75,000 in 2020/21) in respect of the Kirkham Future High Street Fund Scheme, to be met in full by a central government grant for this purpose (The initial £75,000 has been confirmed, with the second allocation of £75,000 expected to be confirmed in early 2020. If the second allocation is not granted the value of the capital scheme will be reduced to the value of the initial allocation, such that only expenditure that will be met by the total grant allocation will be committed).
6. That, subject to approval by the Finance and Democracy Committee of 5 above, the Committee authorises the use of the grant received by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (or as subsequently agreed) for the purposes of commissioning the appropriate consultants to assist with the preparation of the fully development Business Case in respect of the Future High street Fund bid for Kirkham

7. To authorise appropriate arrangements be made for a committee bus tour of the 3 town centres of Kirkham, Lytham and St Annes in the New Year.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	√
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	√
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	√

REPORT

BACKGROUND

1. The High Street Heritage Action Zone (HS HAZ) initiative seeks to create economic growth and improve quality of life in places through working with local people and partners to breathe new life into old places that are rich in heritage. The council's bid to secure this funding to help revitalise Kirkham Town Centre was successful, and the funding has been included in the council's capital programme.
2. In addition to the main award, a separate award of £80,000 was made to the council to allow a programme of cultural works to be progressed alongside the main HS HAZ programme.

THE CULTURAL PROGRAMME

3. The overall HS HAZ programme is composed of a series of individual projects that were reported to the Planning Committee in detail on 23 June 2021.
4. The Cultural Programme enabled buy-in of specialist consultancy support from arts consultants to write the Cultural Pilot grant scheme and prepare a further bid to the main Cultural Grant application. This enabling money allowed a bid to be submitted, which was successful. Accordingly, a further £80,000 will need to be added to the capital programme and this report requests that the Finance & Democracy Committee approve this addition.
5. A full presentation of the various HS HAZ projects, including the Cultural Programme was provided to members of the Planning Committee on 23 June 2021 detailing each individual project.

VALUE FOR MONEY AND DETAILS OF PROCUREMENT PATH

6. In order to ensure that value for money is achieved procurement will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules. Selection of the successful tenderer will be on the basis that value for money is a key consideration. The project will not have any ongoing maintenance implications.

CONCLUSION

7. The various funding awards that have been received will allow significant interventions to be made in Kirkham Town Centre that will help to revive the fortunes of the town.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance	The committee is requested to approve a fully funded capital budget increase of £80,000 to this scheme phased as detailed (£35,000 2021/22; £35,000 2022/23 and £10,000 2023/24) fully funded from a further grant award from Historic England of £80,000 and that subject to this decision, to note that a previous report (23/06/21) had been provided to the planning committee to authorise the £35,000 drawdown of expenditure for 2021/22.
Legal	None
Community Safety	None

Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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