

PLANNING COMMITTEE

REPORT OF HEAD OF PLANNING

Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan

1 SUMMARY

Nottingham City Museums and Galleries Service and the Nottingham Castle Project seek approval and adoption of the comprehensive Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan prepared for Nottingham City Council by Rowenna Wood, Senior Heritage Consultant from Purcell Architects.

The Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan is a document which sets out the heritage significance of the site and provides a new policy framework on how this significant asset should in the future be conserved and managed during any repairs, maintenance or future development.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That Planning Committee note the Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan and recommend its approval by Council, and adoption by Nottingham City Council as a document of best practice for the management and development of the Nottingham Castle site.

3 BACKGROUND

The production of the Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan (CMP) has been undertaken as part of the redevelopment of Nottingham Castle. Adopting and putting in place a Conservation Management Plan is fundamental to good stewardship and management of historic assets and a requirement when embarking on any major change or developments.

The purpose of the CMP is to provide an assessment of the values of different architectural elements, detail any special permission required regarding potential works and to provide clear recommendations and approaches for the conservation and management of a historic site. The CMP, when adopted, will become the go-to-guide when considering alterations to any area of the site during the development project and beyond.

The CMP, attached as Appendix 1 to this paper, consists of 212 pages and is divided in to 5 sections including Introduction, Understanding, Significance, Issues and Opportunities and Policies; based on the 3 underlying principles of Understanding the Site, Assessing Heritage Value and Creating a Positive Future.

4 CONSULTATION AND OBSERVATIONS OF OTHER OFFICERS

In order to develop this CMP we worked with a wide range of specialist advisors and have ensured that critical external reviews of the document have taken place in order that it reflects an agreed statement document for Nottingham Castle.

A full list of reviewers is attached as Appendix 2 to this paper.

5 RELEVANT POLICIES AND GUIDANCE

Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategy, Policy 11: The Historic Environment.

Nottingham Local Plan, policies BE10, BE11, BE12, BE13, BE14 and BE15.

National Planning Policy Framework, Section 12: Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.

Conservation Principles Policies and Guidance, English Heritage, 2008

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications from this report. It should be noted therefore that no agreement to spend can be implied from the recommendations in the report. Any spending on the Castle, its cave network or Brewhouse Yard must be part of existing approvals or processes or be subject to new decisions.

8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

It would appear that approval of the CMP is an executive function, and the decision whether to adopt the CMP will be made by Council. Planning Committee is asked to note the CMP and recommend whether it should be approved by Council.

9 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equality and diversity issues attached to this plan as it is a statement of fact relating to assets on site.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Adoption of such plans is best practice and it is important that Nottingham City Council takes a lead in managing and maintaining its heritage assets as an exemplar to other sites within the city.

If the CMP is not adopted this would put at risk being able to access Heritage Lottery Funding.

11 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

World Class Nottingham – Develop Nottingham’s international standing for science and innovation, sports and culture.

12 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

None.

13 VALUE FOR MONEY

N/A

14 HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

None.

15 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

Appendix 1 – Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan

Appendix 2 – List of reviewers for the Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan

16 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT:

None.

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