

EXECUTIVE BOARD – 19 JULY 2016

Subject:	Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan		
Corporate Director(s)/ Director(s):	Andy Vaughan, Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations		
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Dave Trimble, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture		
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Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Reasons: <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision			<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Total value of the decision: N/A			
Wards affected: Radford and Park	Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s): October 2015		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:			
Strategic Regeneration and Development			<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools			<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services			<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer			<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport			<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector			<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years			<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration			<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
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.			
Exempt information: None			
Recommendation(s):			
1 To adopt formally the Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan as a document of best practice for the management and future development of the Nottingham Castle site.			

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Adoption of the Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan (“CMP”) will update substantially the draft Conservation Plan prepared in 2006 and also update that Plan to include Brewhouse Yard and the Waterworks Building.
- 1.2 Adoption of the CMP will form part of the Stage 2 funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (“HLF”) to refurbish and extend the Ducal Palace, build a new

Visitor Centre, re-landscape the grounds, and refresh displays at Brewhouse Yard.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The production of the 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 This CMP builds substantially on the draft plan prepared in 2006 by Prince Research Consultants, in terms of scope, level of detail and relevance to the HLF development project. The 2006 plan retained draft status and was not adopted by Nottingham City Council.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 In order to develop this CMP the Council 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.

- 2.6 Planning Committee considered a report on the CMP on 15th June 2016. Draft minutes from this meeting show that members of the Committee commented as follows:
 - (a) the document, with its impressive scale of detail, was welcomed;
 - (b) better clarity of the tree categorisation needs to be provided (*NB – following this comment the CMP has now been amended to improve legibility of the plan in question*)
 - (c) the historic context of the Castle and City is not adequately reflected in the document, and whilst it is acknowledged that the history of the Castle was not the focus of the document, it provided an important context.

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

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not adopting the CMP – however this would place at risk the Council being able to access HLF funding for the Nottingham Castle Project so was rejected.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 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.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND INCLUDING LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 The subject matter falls within the terms of reference of Executive Board in the Council's Constitution, since it does not form part of the Policy Framework (which requires full Council approval) and is not delegated to any specific committee or individual.
- 5.2 The HLF's Conservation Plan Guidance (October 2012) contains detailed advice as to the preparation and content of any conservation plan which forms part of a funding application. It is anticipated that the HLF will assess the CMP for compliance with its own Guidance.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISIONS RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE)

- 6.1 The protection and enhancement of Nottingham Castle and Brewhouse Yard as an important tourist destination with the significant visitor numbers it attracts, should encourage demand for and investment into other properties within the local vicinity. It will also link to and supports the Council's investment and regeneration of the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre, Car Park and Bus Station and the improved pedestrian link to the Railway Station.

7 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The adoption of the CMP will demonstrate a commitment to care for this iconic site and preserve it for generations to come, reflecting Nottingham's pride in its own heritage.
- 7.2 In their most recent heritage value and impact report *Heritage Counts 2014*, Historic England state that 'our built environment, and the decisions we make about how to preserve and develop that environment, are expressions of our shared values. Local heritage embodies the histories, people and ideas that have shaped an area; it also offers a means by which local communities can engage in a dialogue about the past, present and future identity of the place they call home.'
- 7.3 Adoption of the CMP aligns with Nottingham City Council's Strategic Priority for a World Class Nottingham – developing Nottingham's international standing for science and innovation, sports and culture.

8 REGARD TO THE NHS CONSTITUTION

8.1 Not applicable.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

9.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

An EIA is not required because:

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

Yes

10 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN WRITING THIS REPORT (NOT INCLUDING PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION)

10.1 Appendix 1 – Nottingham Castle Conservation Management Plan

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

11 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

11.1 *Heritage Counts 2014*, Historic England

11.2 *Conservation Plan Guidance October 2012*, Heritage Lottery Fund

12 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT

Richard Cox, Strategic Property Projects Manager

Nigel Hawkins, Head of Culture and Libraries

Judith Irwin, Senior Solicitor, Legal Services

Ian Greateorex, Finance Business Partner