Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision





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Subject:

Nottingham Heritage Strategy

Total Value:

Nil (Type: Nil)

Decision Being Taken:

To approve the Nottingham Heritage Strategy and Year 1 Action Plan for publication.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The Nottingham Heritage Strategy has been produced by the City Council following extensive consultation with stakeholders accross the City. The finalised version of the document will be publicised at a launch event taking place on 26 March 2015.

This 15 year strategy for the management of Nottignham's heritage is made up of:

- a framework document that gives an overview of the City's heritage value and sets out the three key aims: Understand, Capitalise and Celebrate.
- an action plan for Year 1 which identifies 5 actions that will put the infrastructure in place for future delivery and 5 flagship heritage projects.

The implementation of the Action Plan will involve some financial commitments. However most of the actions will be will be delivered from existing budgets and staff resources or through partnerships with outside bodies. Where individual projects mentioned in the action plan incurr additional expenditure, separate decisions will be made on a case by case basis.

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Other Options Considered:

Options:

- Do nothing. Discounted The Strategy has now been written and widely consulted on. Not publishing the strategy would risk reputational damage to the City Council with key stakeholders. The resources spent to date on consultant's fees, officer time and extensive consultation would be wasted.
- Approve the Strategy without the Year 1 Action Plan. Discounted This part of the document describes how the infrastructure for the delivery of the strategy's aims will be laid down and includes 5 starter projects that demonstrate a comitement to its succes. Without the Action Plan the aims of the Strategy would be undeliverable.

Background Papers:

Nottingham Heritage Strategy

Nottingham Heritage Strategy: Year 1 Action Plan

Unpublished background papers:

Nottingham Heritage Strategy_Visual 9.pdf, Nottingham Heritage Strategy_Action Plan 4.pdf

Published Works:

The Heritage Strategy integrates with and is supported by the following local and national guidance documents:

- The Nottingham City Centre Urban Design Guide
- The Nottingham City Centre Time and Place Plan
- The Streetscape Design Manual
- The Nottingham Growth Plan
- Retail Nottingham
- Breathing Space
- The Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies
- The Nottingham Local Plan
- The National Planning Policy Framework

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

None

Consultations:

Date: 17/03/2014

Ward Councillors: Cat Arnold, David Mellen, Graham Chapman, Alan Clark, Jon Collins, Georgina Culley, Emma Dewinton, Michael Edwards, Chris Gibson, Brian Grocock, John Hartshorne, Gul Khan, Ginny Klein, David Trimble, Malcolm Wood, Jane Urquhart, Roger Steel, Azad Choudhry, Nicola Heaton, Liagat Ali, Sally Longford, Nick Mcdonald, Anne Peach, Eileen Morley

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The Strategy comes within the remit of three Portfolios: Jobs and Growth, Planning and Transportation and Leisure and Culture. All three Portfolio Holders and the City Heritage Champion (Councillor Cat Arnold) have been consulted throughout the development of the document and have endorsed it by adding their signatures to the foreword. Councillor Nick McDonald has taken on the role of principal Portfolio Holder during the development of the document. Other councillors have been consulted through attendance at an inception workshop (17th March 2014), a consultation workshop (2nd June 2014), a meeting of the City Centre Forum (2nd June 2014) and the circulation of drafts of the document for comment (the first draft was circulated on 25th June 2014). Comments made by individual councillors have been taken into account during the document's development.

Date: 02/06/2014

Other City Council Bodies:City Centre Forum

The strategy was publicised at a meeting of the City Centre Forum on 2nd June 2014. The first draft of the document was circulated to all forum members on 25th June 2014 and all comments received from individual members have been taken into accound during its development.

Date: 17/03/2014

Other: A wide range of partners and stakeholders - see comments

The following organisations were consulted on the strategy and any comments made have been taken into account during its development: NRL, Invest in Nottingham, English Heritage, HLF, Nottingham Civic Society, Bromley House Library, Nottingham BID (meeting held 20/05/14), Experience Nottinghamshire, Bildurn, NCCL, Notts Police, Greenshoots, Nottingham University, NTU, The Malt Cross, Bromley House Library, Theatre Royal, Trent and Peak Archaeology, Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocese, Intu, Nottingham Arts Theatre, Nottingham Playhouse, Canal and Rivers Trust, Communities Inc., Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, The Thoroton Society

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Crime and Disorder Implications:

The Heritage Strategy has three key aims. To:

- lead to a better understanding of the City's historic environment,
- capitalise on existing and potential opportunities that heritage brings
- celebrate the City's past and promote it as a distinctive place to live and visit.

The delivery of these aims will help to promote a 'heritage led' approach to the development and regeneration of the City. Through taking actions such as establishing a Heritage Panel and a City Building Preservation Trust, the strategy's Action Plan will help to deliver meaningful change to City neighbourhoods by attracting investment and tourism and tackling dereliction. For example: the repair and reuse of a derelict listed building can actively deter crime and anti social behaviour and engender a sense of pride in a community. It is therefore hoped that in delivering on its objectives the strategy will have a significant positive influence on tackling crime, improving citizen's quality of life and stimulating economic recovery and inward investment.

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: This is a high level strategy with wide ranging objectives that relate to implementing existing NCC policies. Individual actions and projects arising from the strategy will be subject to EIA where necessary.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

01/04/2015

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance

Legal Advice:

The proposals set out in the report raise no significant issues and are supported. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 20/03/2015.

Finance Advice:

The implementation of Nottingham Heritage Strategy will be contained within the existing Development Management revenue budgets or through partnerships with external organisations. Any individual projects in the action plan which require additional expenditure will be subject to separate decisions.

Advice provided by Jim Driver (Finance Service Partner) on 23/03/2015.

Signatures

Nick McDonald (Portfolio Holder for Jobs and Growth)

SIGNED and Dated: 24/03/2015

David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)

SIGNED and Dated: 24/03/2015

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