
**ROTHESAY TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE PHASE TWO,
HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND OFFER OF AWARD**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following a successful Townscape Heritage (TH) stage one bid to Heritage Lottery Fund a grant of £109,700 has been awarded to the Council to enable the development of a second phase regeneration project for Rothesay, Rothesay Townscape Heritage (TH). The offer of grant, dated 26th January 2016, requires the Council's formal acceptance of the offer and its agreement to the associated terms and conditions. This report therefore requests that Members delegate authority to the Chief Executive of the Council to sign the Terms of Grant document, which will accept the grant conditions, enable drawdown of funds and allow the development work to commence.
- 1.2 Securing a TH is a two-stage process and as such the development work will support and culminate in a second round bid to Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in 2017, which will seek to secure permission to deliver the regeneration project over a five-year period.(2018-2023).

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report asks Members to approve the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Terms of Grant, in relation to a first round grant award of £109,700, awarded to the Council on 26th January 2016. The grant will fund development work, which is required to support and inform a second regeneration project in Rothesay - Rothesay Townscape Heritage. This report requests that Members delegate authority to the Chief Executive of the Council to sign this aforementioned document, which will accept the grant and its conditions, enable the drawdown of the award, and allow the development work to commence.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Council agrees to the HLF Terms of Grant and delegates authority to the Chief Executive to sign and agree the terms with HLF.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 At their meeting of 20th August 2015, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that the Council should submit a first round application to HLF to seek funding for a second phase of regeneration in Rothesay, which would continue and build on the momentum of the successful Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI), which concludes on 31st March 2016. At the meeting, the Policy and Resources Committee also agreed to the need to identify match funding of up to £200,000.
- 4.2 The first of a two-stage process has been successful, with an award from HLF of £109,700 dated 26th January 2016. This award will fund a first round development phase of a year to support and inform a subsequent robust and deliverable second round bid.
- 4.3 Subject to a successful second round bid, HLF have earmarked £1,889,700 for a Rothesay TH project, which would require match funding to be identified by the Council of up to £200,000, and a match funding contribution from HIE. It is also intended to use the development year to scope out other potential funding avenues, particularly those relative to Sustrans, Leader and CARS to ensure that the resulting project is as meaningful as possible.
- 4.4 The focus of the TH will be much more holistic than that of the current project, and as such will seek to involve the community at every opportunity. Feedback and actions from the Rothesay Charrette, a community consultation and master planning exercise, held in February 2016, will shape the direction and scope of the TH project. It is also intended to work closely with the Rothesay Alliance for Action, the organisation which commissioned the Charrette and which will also seek to deliver outcomes within the Charrette action plan, which are complementary to the work proposed for the TH development phase.
- 4.5 The development work will encompass detailed building survey analysis, cost and valuation analysis and work on specific pilot projects around energy efficiency, factoring and creative industry pop-up spaces and workshops. It will also consider the movement and flow of visitors and shoppers around the

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| 6.4 | HR | Funding from HLF includes the provision of a TH development officer. This post will sit within Projects and Regeneration and will be recruited as a dedicated officer to manage and deliver the project. |
| 6.5 | Equalities | None |
| 6.6 | Risk | None |
| 6.7 | Customer Services | None |

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1- HLF Terms of Grant