

RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

Key Decision

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RHONDDA HERITAGE PARK – HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF) HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAMME

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of the report is to seek authority to make a stage 1 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) - Heritage Grant in respect of the Rhondda Heritage Park and to develop a Rhondda Cynon Taf Heritage Strategy to support future funding applications.

In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Director Public Health, Protection & Community Services as described below:

DELEGATED DECISION:

A stage 1 application to the Heritage lottery Fund - Heritage Grant Programme is made in respect of the Rhondda Heritage Park and that this should be prepared for submission in August 2018.

The Council develop a RCT Heritage Strategy including a strategic plan for Rhondda Heritage Park to support future funding applications.


Chief Officer Signature

PAUL MIFF
Print Name

12. 3. 18.
Date

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution



CONSULTATION

A. Crumming

March 8th 2018

CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE

DATE

CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

NO ✓ (

Reason for urgency:.....

If deemed urgent - signature of Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.



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PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

PUBLICATION

Publication on the Councils Website:- 12/3/18

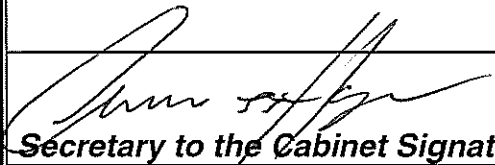
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Subject to Call In the implementation date will be 20/3/18.

DATE


Secretary to the Cabinet Signature

CHRISTIAN S'S HANAGAN
Print Name

12/3/18.
Date

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

KEY DELEGATED DECISION

**REPORT TO ACCOMPANY A DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

19TH FEBRUARY 2018

**RHONDDA HERITAGE PARK – HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF)
HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAMME**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek authority to make a Stage 1 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) - Heritage Grant in respect of the Rhondda Heritage Park and to develop a Rhondda Cynon Taf heritage Strategy to support future funding applications.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 A stage 1 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund - Heritage Grant Programme is made in respect of the Rhondda Heritage Park and that this should be prepared for submission in August 2018.
- 2.2 The Council develops a RCT Heritage Strategy including a strategic plan for Rhondda Heritage Park to support future funding applications.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The further development of Rhondda Heritage Park enhancing the visitor experience will continue to ensure that it is a key element of the Council's tourism offer with a long term future under the management of the Council.



4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 On 8th September 2016 Cabinet agreed to initiate an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake improvement, restoration and development of Rhondda Heritage Park. This followed a paper presented to Cabinet on 19th July 2016 outlining the various HLF grant funding streams and potential projects within Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- 4.2 Applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund Heritage Grants programme are submitted in two stages. The stage 1 application is for project development, the stage 2 application is for delivery. Both applications require a minimum of 5% match funding for projects up to a maximum of £1 million.
- 4.3 Council staff met with Heritage Lottery Fund on 12th January 2018 to discuss the potential project. Officers were informed that HLF will be reviewing their strategic framework and associated programmes from 2019 onwards and as a consequence August 2018 will be the final call for applications to the Heritage Grants programme.
- 4.4 Feedback from HLF was that competition for the Heritage Grant fund will be extremely high from across the UK. In the short term advice was to submit an application for a project focused on capturing the views and experiences of the miners on the site. This oral history project would be considered urgent as there was a need to capture the experiences of a “real life miner” to deliver the enhanced experience at the site. HLF felt that this was Rhondda Heritage Park’s unique selling point.
- 4.5 The application will also include costs for the provision of an activity programme which includes the development of a volunteering programme linked with the existing Friends of Group as well as staffing costs to deliver the oral history project in communities throughout the county borough.
- 4.6 In the longer term, HLF advised the Council will need to take a strategic approach and continue momentum with simultaneous efforts to develop a RCT Heritage Strategy and a Strategic Plan for Rhondda Heritage Park. This will ensure that the Council is primed and ready for the new 2019 framework whilst maximising the associated funding opportunities and will support applications to other funding bodies.
- 4.7 The Heritage Strategy will need to highlight key heritage assets, sites services across RCT and the Strategic Plan will need to consider the structural integrity of the site.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications at present.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 Consultation will be carried out as part of the stage 1 submission.

6.2 Consultation will take place with a variety of groups including the Friends of Rhondda Heritage Park and local heritage and historical societies as well as schools and park users.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

7.1 To support the Stage 1 application submission, £10,000 project support funding is required, spread over two financial years (2017/18 and 2018/19), and this can be funded through existing available resources.

7.2 The Council will be required to source 5% contribution from a combination of public and private sources to support both the stage 1 and stage 2 application submissions.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

9. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

9.1 The development of Rhondda Heritage Park makes a significant contribution to the Council's priorities.

9.2 The developed visitor attraction positively contributes to 'building a strong environment' and 'creates neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work'.

9.3 The enhanced tours and exhibitions will contribute to the education of visitors.

9.4 The approach to the refurbishment and operation of the cafe has provided the opportunity for a local business to thrive and grow.

9.5 Rhondda Heritage Park protects the local and national culture and mining heritage for future generations.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The submission of a HLF Heritage Grant stage 1 application in August 2018, presents the Council with the opportunity to enhance the visitor experience within Rhondda Heritage Park.
- 10.2 The phased development and improvement of the Park's infrastructure, management and maintenance will ensure future sustainability.
- 10.3 An enhanced RHP presents an opportunity to further enhance the Council's portfolio of visitors attractions impacting on the economic regeneration the Rhondda Cynon Taf overall.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Health & Well-being Scrutiny Committee



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

Cabinet - 19th July 2016

Cabinet - 8th September 2016

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