

Meeting:	Cabinet	Date:	15 October 2014
Subject:	Support to Gloucester Cathedral HLF Bid		
Report Of:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture		
Wards Affected:	All		
Key Decision:	No	Budget/Policy Framework:	No
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Appendices	None		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To note the Council's support in grant funding to the Cathedral's Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid 'Project Pilgrim Phase 1: the Heart of Gloucester'

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to **RESOLVE** that it be noted that a grant of £50,000 has been made to the Cathedral from the Regeneration Fund to support the HLF bid.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 A key objective in the current Council plan is enhancing the role of the Cathedral in the life of the City, to this end Council has put in place a Members' working group for the Cathedral Heritage Project.
- 3.2 Gloucester Cathedral has secured development funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the first phase of a major 10 year capital project. 'Project Pilgrim Phase One: the Heart of Gloucester' aims to celebrate the Cathedral's heritage by revealing stories about the people and events which have helped to define the significant role it has played in the nation's history.
- 3.3 Development funding of £320,000 has been awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Cathedral plans to apply for a full grant of c.£4million at a later date. This is complemented by a further £70,000 grant from the Friends of Gloucester Cathedral.
- 3.4 The project includes the creation of a new public square in the Cathedral grounds, conservation of the 15th Century Lady Chapel and its magnificent stained glass window, provision of a new entrance and welcome area and improvements to access and story-telling across the site. This will be supported by a varied programme of activities aimed at engaging wider and more diverse audiences and many new volunteering opportunities.

3.5 In order to 'unlock' Heritage Lottery Fund money, the Cathedral will need to raise nearly £1.5m in partnership funding over the next 18 months. The Council has contributed £50k to the project. The contribution has been made from Regeneration Fund. The Council has also provided £25k from the events budget for Crucible 2, building on the success of the 2010 exhibition in again attracting thousands of visitors to both the Cathedral and the City

4.0 Alternative Options Considered

4.1 No alternative options required.

5.0 Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 To provide grant funding in support of the HLF bid.

6.0 Future Work and Conclusions

6.1 There is no further work required.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 Financial Implications have been highlighted in the body of the report
(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report
(Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

9.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

9.1 No key risks identified as a result of this report

10.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):

10.1 The PIA Screening Stage was completed and did not identify any potential or actual negative impact, therefore a full PIA was not required.

11.0 Other Corporate Implications

Community Safety

11.1 None

Sustainability

11.2 Improvements to the setting, fabric and interpretation of this major tourist attraction will contribute to sustaining the vibrancy of the City Centre.

Staffing & Trade Union

11.3 None