

CABINET MEETING – 18 JULY 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Seafront Regeneration Capital Programme Delivery

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

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Description of Decision:

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- b) Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary, to appoint contractors to deliver future phases of improvements.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? ***Yes**

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The phase two improvements at Roker and Seaburn and the restoration of the Roker Pier and lighthouse will continue the delivery of the Seaburn and Roker masterplans as part of the wider Seafront Regeneration Strategy.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The alternative option would be to not progress the works. However funding for the project has been secured and the delivery team is progressing the design stages of the project. To carry out the works contractors must be procured following a competitive tender process.

Impacts analysed:							
Equality	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	Privacy	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>	Sustainability	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	Crime and Disorder	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution?		Scrutiny Committee					
Is it included in the Forward Plan?							
Yes							
No							

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REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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2.0 Description of Decision

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3.0 Background

- 3.1 Cabinet will recall that at its meeting in February 2010 it approved the adoption of the Seafront Regeneration Strategy and the Marine Walk Masterplan following a series of public consultation events, and in July 2011 Cabinet adopted the Seaburn Masterplan.
- 3.2 In December 2009 the Council was awarded £1m Sea Change funding, which was matched with £0.5m of the Council's own resources, to deliver a first phase of improvements at Marine Walk, Roker.
- 3.3 A first phase of improvements was also undertaken at Seaburn, largely funded by North Area Committee with contributions from other Area Committees.
- 3.4 The approved capital programme 2012/13 includes an allocation of £1.5m for the seafront. The capital programme sets out that in order to recognise community priorities and help deliver the Council's Seafront Regeneration Strategy a three year improvement programme for seafront is proposed. Improvements works will be designed to generate and support private sector investment in line with the approved Seaburn and Marine Walk masterplans.

- 3.5 In addition to the £1.5m the capital programme 2012/13 also includes an allocation of £1.35m (£0.45m per annum for three years) for Roker Pier and Lighthouse. This funding will address major maintenance works to the grade II listed Roker Pier and Lighthouse including repairs to the Lighthouse and pier structure, resurfacing of the decking and the restoration/ replacement of railings along the pier. Match funding from the Environment Agency, Heritage Lottery Fund and other funding partners will be applied for where appropriate.

4.0 Current Position

- 4.1 Since the funding was approved in the capital programme the Seafront Project Group has commenced the preparation of draft designs and specifications for the:

- (i) Phase two promenade improvements at Seaburn
- (ii) Phase two promenade improvements at Roker
- (iii) Repairs and refurbishment of Roker Pier and Lighthouse

- 4.2 To deliver these improvements it is proposed that £1.5m allocation for the seafront be split between Roker and Seaburn as follows:

- (i) £700,000 Seaburn phase two
- (ii) £700,000 Roker phase two
- (iii) £100,000 additional supporting projects at the Seafront

- 4.3 Match funding – the £700,000 allocated for Seaburn will be used as match funding for a £2m bid to the Big Lottery for Coastal Communities funding. This is covered in more detail in the Seaburn Redevelopment report elsewhere on this agenda.

- 4.4 To ensure best value is achieved a competitive tender process will be undertaken for the public realm improvements and repairs to the pier.

5.0 Reason for Decision

- 5.1 The phase two improvements at Roker and Seaburn and the restoration of the Roker pier and lighthouse will continue the delivery of the Seaburn and Roker masterplans as part of the wider Seafront Regeneration Strategy.

6.0 Relevant Considerations

- a) Financial Implications – The works will be funded from the £1.5m allocation for the Seafront and the £1.35m allocation for Roker Pier and Lighthouse.
- b) Legal Implications – Clause 9.0 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 provides local authorities with a power for the promotion or

improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of their area.

- c) Policy Implications – The projects forms part of the wider seafront regeneration project which is in line with the objectives of the Sunderland Strategy and Economic Masterplan.
- d) Project Management Methodology – the delivery of the project is via the Council's standard Prince2 methodology.
- e) Sustainability Impact Appraisal – An impact appraisal has been undertaken and is attached in appendix one.

7. Background papers

- Seafront Regeneration Strategy
- Marine Walk Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document
- Seaburn Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document
- Marine Walk Masterplan Appropriate Assessment Screening report
- Sustainability Appraisal of the Marine Walk Masterplan
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- Sustainability Appraisal of the Seaburn Masterplan

