

<p>Title of Report:</p> <p>Harbour Square Redevelopment Project Update</p>	<p>Officer Presenting: Director of Business and Culture</p> <p>Author: Arts & Culture Manager</p>
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To update Members with regards to the proposed application to the Department for Communities (DfC) for the Harbour Square Redevelopment Project including the installation of a new public artwork within this space.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Harbour Square Redevelopment project is an integral part of the Central Riverfront Development plan outlined within the City Deal proposal. It will see the creation of a high quality public realm project that links the historical core of the Walled City to a new attractive and lively riverfront zone.
- 2.2 The redevelopment of Harbour Square is consistent with the strategies of a number of Government Departments and Agencies that aim to develop and improve the quality of the built environment within the City.
- 2.3 The proposed project aligns to the Northern Ireland Programme for Government – Draft (2016 – 2021) as it will help create “...a place where people want to live and work, to visit and invest.”

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The total global cost estimate for this project is circa £1.4M. Council have submitted an initial application to DfC focused on securing the necessary financial resource to appoint an Integrated Consultancy Team (ICT) tasked with the delivery of the Harbour Square Redevelopment project from RIBA state 0 to RIBA stage 7. The ICT will be procured under a NEC Professional Services Contract to produce a design to allow them procure an IST using a Develop and Construct Contract. DCSDC will prepare, compile and submit a subsequent funding application for the capital element of the project as part of a two stage process.

- 3.2 In a previous report (BC93/19) Members had approved the contribution to costs of £10,000 against an estimated cost of £100,000 for stage 1 of this project. Following the compilation of a detailed cost plan by Capital Development (with stage 1 now incorporating site surveys and artist fees as well as the ICT and green book appraisal services detailed in the report BC93/19) the total cost for stage 1 is estimated at £173,500.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

- 4.1 DfC have stated an expectation that Council will make a 10% contribution to this project as a minimum. Therefore, for stage 1 of this project the expected contribution to costs for Council will be £17,350. Members have already approved a contribution to costs of £10,000 (BC93/19) therefore requiring an additional £7,350 contribution to be made at this time. A report seeking approval for this additional contribution will be presented to Governance Committee.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members approve the additional contribution of £7,350 to complete the stage 1 design costs.

Background Papers