JOINT REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR
ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY & THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

TO
TO THE CITY MAYOR
On 27th July

Peel Park Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Project – Grant acceptance

RECOMMENDATIONS:
That the City Mayor:

1. Notes the Lottery’s Stage 2 approval and the resulting grant award of £1,572,800 for the Peel Park project.

2. Approves the entering into the grant agreement with the Lottery including:-
   i. The acceptance of the grant terms.
   ii. The confirmation of the match funding contribution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Peel Park is one of many exciting projects currently being progressed to complement the Inwell River Park programme. The Lottery’s Parks for People programme approved the Stage 2 submission resulting in a grant award of £1,572,800. This report notes the Lottery’s award and seeks approval to accept the grant and to enter into the grant agreement with the Lottery, enabling the project to commence. In addition, the report confirms the match funding required for this project.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Nil

KEY DECISION: Yes
DETAILS:

1. **Background**

1.1 Peel Park is a key green space within The Crescent / Chapel Street area adjoining the University of Salford campus. Together with The Meadow, the park will serve as a garden for the growing residential and working population along this key corridor.

1.2 The Lottery’s Parks for People scheme is aimed at parks and other open spaces of historical significance. At June’s meeting of the Lottery’s national board, Salford’s Stage 2 submission for Peel Park was approved resulting in a grant of £1,572,800 towards an estimated scheme cost of £2,478,976.

1.3 The purpose of this report is to record the council’s formal acceptance of the grant, which includes the grant terms and confirms the match funding contribution.

2. **Project development – next step**

2.1 The grant award of £1,572,800 means the project can now move forward from its development phase to the delivery phase. The programme as set out in the February 2015 report remains unchanged, the key milestones being:

- By mid August 2015: ‘Permission to Start’ from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) obtained
- October 2015: Peel Park Officer in post & activity plan implementation commences
- Nov / Dec 2015: Tree management works undertaken
- Jan – April 2016: Tender process & approvals for landscape scheme
- May 2016: Landscape works commence
- Dec 2016: Landscape works completed bar possible seeding (spring 2017)
- Sept 2020: End of HLF funded Peel Park Keeper post
- Dec 2023: End of 7 year Green Flag high award, a Lottery requirement

2.2 The initial task is to obtain the ‘permission to start’ from the Lottery. Specific to local authorities, evidence of recording the decision to accept the grant is necessary. This includes acceptance of the Lottery’s ‘Standard Terms of Grant’ applicable to the Parks for People programme, along with re-confirmation of the match funding.

2.3 The Shared Legal Service has now had chance to review the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and considers that it doesn’t contain any terms or conditions that the City Council would find too onerous or unreasonable to comply with. The City Mayor is therefore asked to approve entering into the grant agreement with the Lottery.
2.4 The project was submitted to the Lottery in February at an estimated cost of £2,478,976. The final funding package comprised of contributions from the following:-

- Salford City Council
- Salford Community Leisure
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Cemex grant (via the Broughton Trust)
- Volunteer time
- The University of Salford – a mixture of financial and non-cash contributions

Since the bid’s submission in February 2015, one match funder (Cemex) has withdrawn its grant programme. S106 money from the Student Accommodation development (X1) at Chapel Street will be used to fulfil this gap in the funding package.

3. Recommendations

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KEY COUNCIL POLICIES:

Salford 2025: A Modern Global City
Inwell River Park Planning Guidance 2008
Salford Greenspace Strategy July 2006
The Crescent: Conservation Area Appraisal May 2008
The Crescent Development Framework (Updated) – Adopted May 2014

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:
The project being progressed will significantly improve both physical and virtual access to Peel Park for all users.

**ASSESSMENT OF RISK:** Low/ Medium

The £212,000 allocated for the increase in maintenance operations / costs was approved in August 2013.

The capital programme money is in the Regeneration Team’s capital programme bid submission for 2015 – 2018, (£100K 2016/17 & £100K 2017/18).

In terms of the £172,093 S106 monies, £76,504 is already secure. The remaining £95,589 will be secured and banked with the City Council by July 2015 and originates from the X1 development on Chapel Street. The approval to target S106 from Irwell Riverside projects towards Peel Park has been taken by Councillor Antrobus, Assistant City Mayor for Strategic Planning.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** Supplied by: Shared Legal Service - Richard Holmes Principal Solicitor

A condition of the City Council accepting the Heritage Lottery Fund grant is the requirement by the Heritage Lottery Fund that the City Council enter into a grant agreement with the Heritage Lottery Fund which sets out the terms and conditions on which the grant is being provided. These terms and conditions have been reviewed by the Shared Legal Service who consider that they are reasonable and do not place too onerous a burden on the City Council. However the personnel managing the project on behalf of the City Council will need to ensure that they are familiar with the terms and conditions so as not to fall foul of them and risk any claw back of the grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund for non compliance.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** Supplied by: Chris Mee, Finance Manager (Capital/PFI) Ext 0434

Following HLF approval, provision for the capital element will now need to be made within the Regeneration and Property capital programme over the planned 3-year profile of expenditure for the scheme.

The capital cost of the scheme of £1.679m inclusive of fees will be met from a combination of HLF grant (£1.217m) and council contribution (£462k). The council contribution will be made up of £262k in Section 106 & 73 monies (including the additional £15k requested) and £200k unsupported borrowing which will be required in 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years.

The availability of Section 106 monies has been confirmed by the Council’s Section 106 Officer.
PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: Christine Flisk, Category Manager (Level 2)  
Extn 6245

There are no procurement implications resulting from the recommendations contained within this report. There will be a requirement for support from the Procurement Team and also further approvals to be sought for the procurement of a contractor to deliver the landscape works.

HR IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: Nil

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: Nil

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WARD(S) TO WHICH REPORT RELATES: Broughton / Irwell Riverside