

Delegated Decision Notice

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

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| Decision type | <input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision |
| Approximate value | <input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 |
| Director¹ | Director of City Development | | |
| Contact person: | Matthew Sims | | Telephone number: 0113 378 7172 |
| Subject²: | Grant from National Lottery Heritage Fund to support the restoration of the decorative scheme in Victoria Hall. | | |
| Decision details³: | What decision has been taken? (Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.) The Chief Officer, Culture & Economy has approved the acceptance of a grant of £249,810 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) to support the restoration of the Decorative Scheme in Victoria Hall. | | |
| | A brief statement of the reasons for the decision (Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate) The NLHF grant is significant and given the current financial situation the council finds itself in, the funding will cover extensive resoration costs. The remaining expenditure will be covered by ring-fenced finance as part of the Town Hall refurbishment project. The project will not add any new financial pressure on the council. Colleagues in Legal and Procurement have been consulted. Advice regarding NLHFs T&C's have been acted upon. A window of opportunity to implement the works (when the building will be closed to the public) will allow the project to proceed unhindered. | | |

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

³ Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

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| | <p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>A small scale intervention to temporarily mask the decline of the decorative features in Victoria Hall has been considered. However this approach would cost the council more money in the long run and the opportunity to carry out extensive and far reaching restoration works when the building is closed will have been missed.</p> <p>Small scale intervention will also conflict with the council's approach to the climate emergency as interventions will be needed on a regular basis just to maintain the current state of the decorative scheme - increasing the energy needed to carry out the work.</p> <p>The NLHF grant also includes a far reaching community engagement programme that will feature talks, presentations, practical workshops for young people and families and the commission of a new artwork by Leeds based Pyramid of Arts. This will engage communities across the city and involve participants from different age groups and backgrounds.</p> |
| Affected wards: | None |
| Details of consultation undertaken⁴: | <p>Executive Member</p> <p>A guided tour of the scheme was carried out on 3rd June 2021 with Cllr Jonathan Pryor, Executive Member for Economy, Education and Culture. The tour and discussion included our plans for the Town Hall refurbishment, organ renewal and decorative restoration in Victoria Hall</p> <hr/> <p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>A guided tour of the scheme was carried out on 1st March 2019 with Cllr Elizabeth Nash. The tour and discussion included our plans for the Town Hall refurbishment, organ renewal and decorative restoration in Victoria Hall</p> <hr/> <p>Others</p> <p>Consultation with Hirst Conservation and Robert Woodhead – a specialist decorative artist specialising in restoration projects/has worked on various heritage sites.</p> |
| Implementation | <p>Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation</p> <p>Darren Potter – Commercial and Development Manager.</p> <p>Acceptance of the NLHF grant will enable restoration work to commence on</p> |

⁴ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

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| | schedule in March 2022 with a completion date in July/August 2023 | |
| List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁵ | Date Added to List:- | |
| | If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision Leeds Town Hall will close to the public in November 2021 enabling restoration works to go ahead with a timeframe agreed with NLHF. | |
| | If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____ | |
| Publication of report⁶ | If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible: | |
| | If published late relevant Executive member's approval Signature _____ Date _____ | |
| Call In | Is the decision available ⁷ for call-in? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| | If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public: | |
| Approval of Decision | Authorised decision maker ⁸ Eve Roodhouse – Chief Officer Culture and Economy | |
| | Signature <i>Eve Roodhouse</i> | Date 21 October 2021 |

⁵ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁶ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in under rule 5.1.3.

⁸ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.