



THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY
(Please note that "Information Only" reports do not require Equality Impact Assessments, Legal or Finance Comments as no decision is being taken)

Title of meeting: Culture and City Development Decision Meeting
Subject: Peter Ashley Activity Centres
Date of meeting: 4 October 2019
Report by: Director of Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services
Wards affected: All

1. **Requested by**
Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development
2. **Purpose**
 - 2.1 To update the Cabinet Member on the recently completed tender process for the repair of the Barrack Block Bridges at Fort Purbrook as outlined in the previous report to Culture, Leisure & Sport Decision meeting in March 2018.
3. **Information Requested**
 - 3.1 Following initial visits by Historic England staff in the Spring of 2016 at the invitation of the PCC Property Team, Fort Purbrook was added to the SE Heritage at Risk Register because of overall poor condition and some specific repair problems which resulted in a risk assessment of the site as in 'very bad' condition.
 - 3.2 The Peter Ashley Activity Centre Trust (PAAC) have had a programme to keep on top of the day to day maintenance of the site, they have struggled with securing larger grants for work due to a lack of clarity about areas of responsibility for repairs and maintenance within the current lease documents with Portsmouth City council.
 - 3.3 In March 2018 a report was brought to Culture, Leisure & Sport Decision outlining a proposal for Historic England to provide grant funding directly to PAAC to enable a project development, investigation works and a tender process for works to be carried out on the Barrack block bridges. Following the investigation works this process also included consideration of works to repair the west gate as well.
 - 3.4 On completion of the investigations, the project was put through a formal procurement process by PAAC with support from Historic England resulting in a fully priced tender being returned.

THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY
 (Please note that "Information Only" reports do not require Equality Impact Assessments, Legal or Finance Comments as no decision is being taken)

- 3.5 The Council have been informed of the outcome of this tender process and we have subsequently asked Historic England as to their preferred route to support the delivery of the works for the scheme. It had originally been anticipated that the next stage of these works would be supported by a Tri-Partite agreement with Historic England, PCC and PAAC but other routes might be more suitable.
- 3.6 In order to support a wider context the council have also recently commissioned a survey of Fort Widley in order to both assist the Trust with their future considerations and to provide them with core information to support the development of funding submissions as well as informing the Council on the current state of the buildings.
- 3.7 As the minutes of the last Culture, Leisure & Sport meeting state the Council does anticipate making an allocation of up to £20,000 to support the bridge repair works but should this change in any way then officers would bring a further report to this committee.

.....
 Signed by
Stephen Baily
 Director of Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services

Appendices: None

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Peter Ashley Activity Centres and Historic England	https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s18332/Peter%20Ashley%20Activity%20Centres%20Historic%20England.pdf