

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHADOW AUTHORITY

SHADOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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Report Title	Assets, Capital Schemes and Reserves Notification - Kettering Borough Council GLaM Project
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Shadow Executive of developments in relation to the Kettering Borough Council’s GLaM Project (Alfred East Art Gallery, Library and Manor House Museum Project) and to request endorsement of the additional capital budget provision.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The vision for Kettering Town Centre, as set out within the Town Centre Delivery Plan 2018 – 2025, is for it to be a vibrant place at the heart of the community that is characterful, distinctive and fun.

2.2 Kettering Town Centre has a cluster of heritage assets located within the town centre – they consist of the Alfred East Art Gallery, Library and Manor House Museum (GLaM).

2.3 The three buildings within the GLaM project are all Grade II listed. Kettering Borough Council and Northamptonshire County Council and other stakeholders have dedicated resources to seek opportunities to have a culture led regeneration of this area of the town.

2.4 Whilst the facilities are valued and well used, there are key physical constraints which prevent them from elevating and transforming into a visitor destination. The aim of the GLaM project is to improve these assets and diversify their uses in order to change the way communities access and engage with culture and creative industries, unlock economic growth through skills development, job creation and boosting the visitor economy.

- 2.5 The projected cost of the GLaM scheme is £3.940m and through the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) funding of £3 million has been allocated for this project from the Government's Getting Building Fund (GBF).
- 2.6 Provision of £0.2million has already been made in Kettering Borough Council's 2020/21 capital programme. The increase in the Capital Programme amounts to £3.740m – full details of this are set out at in Appendix A – Table 1. The additional financing will be funded as follows:

Additional Financing	£000
Getting Building Fund	3,000
KBC Economic Development Reserve	440
NCC Contribution	300
Total Additional Financing	3,740

- 2.7 Provision of £0.3million has been made in Northamptonshire County Council's 2020/21 capital programme and the additional resources of £0.440million will be met from Kettering Borough Council's Economic Development Reserve.
- 2.8 The report at Appendix A (Section 3.7) references that a combined investment of £0.940million from Kettering Borough Council and Northamptonshire County Council will leverage an investment of £3.940m into improvements in Kettering Town Centre's creative and cultural facilities.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Shadow Executive Committee endorses the additional capital budgets of £3.740m as set out in Table 1 of the report in Appendix A and note the significant external investment in the new authority area.

4. Report Background

- 4.1 The full report is set out in Appendix A and which is being considered at Kettering Borough Council's Executive meeting on 15th September and at Full Council on 23rd September 2020.

5. Implications (including financial implications)

5.1 Policy

- 5.1.1 The Shadow Executive Committee, at its meeting held on 25 June 2020, approved a notification process that any **proposed** purchase, disposal and transfer of assets, new capital schemes with on-going financial commitments and use of reserves **above those already set out in each council's budget**, by any of the existing councils above a set de minimis level of £100,000 must be notified to the North Northamptonshire Shadow Executive ((see Appendix B to this report for the agreed process).

5.2 Resources and Financial

5.2.1 Financial and Human Resources issues are set out in Sections 5 and 6 of the Report in Appendix A.

5.3 Legal

5.3.1 The notification process referenced in 5.1.1 above allows for the Shadow Authority to be notified and consulted on any new significant financial spend or new financial liability being considered by sovereign councils. Decision making over funding proposals in these circumstances remains with the relevant sovereign council and so endorsement, rather than approval, by the Shadow Authority has been sought in respect of the recommendations within the report.

5.3.2 Legal and equality implications in relation to Kettering Borough Council's GLaM Project are set out in Section 7 of the report in Appendix A.

5.4 Risk

5.4.1 The existing provision in Kettering Borough Council's capital programme is sufficient to cover all preparatory work prior to the issuing of final funding contracts. In addition, all capital schemes are subject to an individual risk assessment. The timescales for the scheme are short but the Council have engaged external specialists to form a technical project team who will work with the Council through to the construction phase.

5.5 Consultation

5.5.1 Details of consultations are set out in Section 4 of the report in Appendix A

5.6 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

5.6.1 None.

5.7 Environmental Impact

5.7.1 Climate change implications are set out in Section 8 of the report in Appendix A.

5.8 Community Impact

5.8.1 The impact on the community is covered in Section 4 of the report in Appendix A.

6. Background Papers

6.1 Relevant background papers are listed at the foot of the report in Appendix A.