

EX77. HLF Bid – Rediscovering the Antonine Wall

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services seeking approval to support and part-fund a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in partnership with the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Management Group for a programme of community projects that will help people find out about and enjoy the Antonine Wall.

The Antonine Wall Management Group, which includes various stakeholders, commissioned economic and visitor studies which found a general lack of awareness and understanding of the Wall's location and its significance. Opportunities for developing projects which aim to address this may be eligible for HLF funding.

The report summarised the proposed HLF project "Rediscovering the Antonine Wall" which would run from June 2018 to June 2021. A funded project development phase would commence from April 2017 until March 2018 subject to Council approval, partner approvals and HLF funding bid success.

In addition, the report detailed the benefit this project could make to local communities, as well as providing an enhanced visitor experience to the site.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to support the HLF bid in principle, and**
- (2) forward commit £70,000 to the project over the next 4 years:**
 - a) Year 1 : 2017-2018 £10,000**
 - b) Year 2 : 2018-2019 £20,000**
 - c) Year 3 : 2019-2020 £20,000**
 - d) Year 4 : 2020-2021 £20,000**