

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting5th February 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Preston Park & Hall Redevelopment

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Present Park and Hall Redevelopment.

At the time of this meeting Preston Park was the biggest recreational park in the Tees Valley, and the largest and most visited facility in Stockton Borough. The Park & Hall was the most visited facility in Teesside throughout the 80's and early 90's, a position Officers believed could be regained. However, the attractions were now generally run down.

The Stockton Museum Strategy 2005 set the objective of establishing a master plan for the redevelopment of the Park & Hall. The master plan was produced through lengthy and widespread consultation, incorporating the recommendations of the 2006 Adults Leisure & Culture Select Committee review. The master plan was approved by Cabinet in June 2007 as a basis for major funding applications.

The Council was unsuccessful in its application for funding from the BIG Lottery Parks For People scheme for improvements to the Park, but was successful in securing an offer of £3.58million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for works to the Hall.

The report outlined the package of works that were deliverable in the first phase and to gain approval for the resources required, including the release of the Spence Bequest, to match the HLF offer and fund these works.

RESOLVED that;-

1. The release of the Spence Bequest capital sum to contribute to the cost of a new accessible collection store be ratified.
2. The new store be held by the Council on Trust in accordance with the Spence Bequest charitable objects.

3. The Director of CESC in consultation with the Director of Law and Democracy be authorised to take any further action required in respect of the release of the Spence Bequest capital sum including the application for and completion of a Scheme to the Charity Commissioners.

4. The redevelopment of Preston Hall/Park and the prudential borrowing required to support match funding of £1.93m, funded from the current Medium Term Financial Plan be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To re-establish Preston Park & Hall as the most popular visitor facility in the Tees Valley, fostering pride, illuminating our history and heritage, and providing educational opportunities for schools, residents and visitors.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday 13th February 2009

Proper Officer
09 October 2009