

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 26 September 2019

Edinburgh Boundaries Extension and Tramways Act 1920 Centennial - Funding Allocation

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1. Recommendations

1.1 Committee are asked to:

- 1.1.1 Approve the cost of £10,000 to be funded from the Chief Executive's revenue budget to fund the consultancy work and funding application to HLF.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Edinburgh Boundaries Extension and Tramways Act of 1920 was an important piece of legislation which led to a major expansion of the city's boundaries. This report sets out a project proposal and associated costs to ensure this event can be celebrated through a series of outreach and community focused events.
- 2.2 This report outlines the requirement for engagement which would cost £10,000. It is proposed that this would be funded from within the Chief Executive's budget.

3. Background

- 3.1 In 2020, it will be the centenary anniversary of the expansion of the city's boundaries to include communities of Colinton, Corstorphine, Cramond, Gilmerton, Leith, Liberton and Longstone.
- 3.2 Given the major significance of the event and forthcoming centenary, a Member/Officer Working Group has been established to explore how the extension's anniversary can be celebrated in 2020. The Group is chaired by the Lord Provost and includes elected members who represent each of the Political Groups, and officers from the Council's Records and Archives Section.
- 3.3 As part of the work of the Member/Officer Working Group, a business case has been developed which sets out how the City of Edinburgh Council proposes to celebrate the centenary of the Edinburgh Boundaries Extension and Tramways Act of 1920.
- 3.4 The business case went to Full Council on 20 September 2018 and was noted.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The proposal now is to explore external funding options and to make applications for funding to such bodies as the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). For such an application to be successful, it will require the involvement of community and local

history groups, which in turn would require consultation, mapping and co-ordination of goals and available resources. To do this effectively and within a reasonable timeframe, a consultant with experience in community heritage funding applications would need to be engaged.

- 4.2 After some initial soundings from local consultants in the city, it is believed that such engagement would cost £10,000. This would provide a draft project plan and submitted HLF funding application.
- 4.3 It is proposed that the cost of £10,000 would be funded from the Chief Executive's budget.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 A consultant will be engaged to start the work.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 If funding is agreed by Committee this would result in £10,000 of expenditure in the Chief Executive's revenue budget to fund the consultancy work and funding application to HLF.
- 6.2 If the funding application is unsuccessful, the project plan would include stakeholder engagement work, an activity plan and an indication of relevant sources of match funding that would make it a useful basis to pursue non HLF funded options to celebrate the anniversary.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 A Member/ Officer Working Group has been established to explore how the extension's anniversary can be celebrated in 2020. The Group is chaired by the Lord Provost and includes elected members who represent each of the Political Groups, and officers from the Council's Records and Archives Section.
- 7.2 There will be stakeholder engagement as part of the work undertaken by the consultant.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 '[Edinburgh Boundaries Extension and Tramways Act 1920](#)', City of Edinburgh Council, 20 September 2018

9. Appendices

None