

## REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR DECISION

<b>Open</b>		Would any decisions proposed :		
<b>Any especially affected Wards</b> Hunstanton	Discretionary	(a) Be entirely within cabinet's powers to decide YES/NO		
		(b) Need to be recommendations to Council YES/NO		
		(c) Be partly for recommendations to Council YES/NO and partly within Cabinets powers –		
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Financial Implications NO	Policy/Personnel Implications NO	Statutory Implications NO	Equal Impact Assessment NO	Risk Management Implications NO
Date meeting advertised: 23 April 2015		Date of meeting decision to be taken: 30 April		
Deadline for Call-In: 7 May 2015				

### HUNSTANTON SAILING & WATERSPORTS CLUB

#### Summary

The Council in partnership with the Hunstanton Sailing Club and Watersport Centre (the Centre) submitted an application to the Coastal Communities Fund in October 2014 for a £409,000 project to complete the club redevelopment, staff, training and promotional costs. Unfortunately this application was not successful. This report recommends continued support for the Centre to enable the final stage of redevelopment to be completed.

#### Recommendation

1. Subject to the submission of a revised Business Plan for the Centre and outcome of grant applications, delegated authority is granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to grant the Centre up to £30,000 towards the cost of the lift and staircase to enable access to the first floor extension. Grant to be met from the Hunstanton Regeneration capital programme 2015/16.

#### Reason for Decision

To facilitate the expansion of the water sports offer which is identified as a high priority in the Council's Hunstanton Town Centre and Southern Seafront masterplan, specifically the masterplan objective for 'An Active Town'.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 Expanding the Watersports offer in Hunstanton is identified as a key element of the Council's vision for Hunstanton to regenerate the resort. The Hunstanton Sailing Club & Watersports Centre (the Centre) has set out plans to refurbish, extend and develop the watersports offer from the Centre. The Centre's plans will make a significant contribution to achieving the vision and deliver economic and social benefits to the town.
- 1.2 The Council has financially supported the first phase of improvements to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension and refurbishment of ground floor facilities. Completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension will enable a comprehensive watersport training programme, national and international events and competitions to be delivered from the Centre to benefit the Hunstanton economy.
- 1.3 A stage 1 application to the Coastal Communities Fund led by the Council in partnership with the Centre was submitted in April 2014. The Council received notification in July that the Stage 1 application was successful and was invited to submit a stage 2 application in October 2014. The application for the £409,000 project (£156,263 revenue funding and £253,571 capital) would have enabled the Centre to complete its redevelopment plans and provided revenue funding for staffing, training programmes and marketing. At the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Cabinet agreed to contribute £60,000 from the Hunstanton Regeneration capital programme as match funding towards the project. This funding was conditional on a successful outcome to the Coastal Communities Fund. In February 2015, it was unfortunately announced that the stage 2 application was not successful.
- 1.4 In light of the disappointing funding announcement, the Centre Committee is revising its Business Plan for the Centre and is pursuing alternative funding sources. Through own funds and in kind contributions, the Centre is able to complete most of the first floor fit out works. Grant applications have been submitted for the disabled facilities required, namely the lift and first floor disabled toilets. If these grant applications are not successful, it is recommended the council supports these costs up to £30,000 to enable access to the first floor to be opened up and realize the full benefits and potential of the Centre. The final costs and grant to be awarded will be subject to consultation with the Portfolio holder for Regeneration.

## **2. Policy Implications**

- 2.1 This project is in line with the Council's policy for the regeneration of Hunstanton as set out in the Town Centre and Southern Seafront Masterplan (2008). In particular it is in line with the masterplan objective for '*An Active Town*' - *expanding the existing water sports and activities offer*' and is identified in 'opportunity site A' as an area to develop the town's water sports offer.

### **3. Financial Implications**

3.1 The £60,000 contribution towards the larger Coastal Communities Fund project previously committed by Cabinet was within the current Hunstanton Regeneration capital programme allocation for 2015/16. It is proposed to use £30,000 of this allocation and return the remaining £30,000 to the Hunstanton Regeneration programme towards other projects in the area.

### **4. Staffing Implications**

None

### **5. Statutory Considerations**

5.1 The works to the Centre have planning and building control approval. The Centre's committee will be responsible for ensuring all requirements in this regards are met.

### **Equality Impact Assessments (EIA's)**

### **Risk Management**

None

### **Background Papers**

Coastal Communities Fund Stage 2 Application Cabinet Report 10<sup>th</sup>  
September 2014

Signed: .....

Cabinet Member for .....

Date .....