

## RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	<b>DECISION TITLE</b>	Leicester Museum & Art Gallery Capital Programme
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
3.	<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	28 May 2024
4.	<b>DECISION MAKER</b>	City Mayor
5.	<b>DECISION TAKEN</b>	<p>To approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The addition of £3,621,000 for improvements at Leicester Museum &amp; Art Gallery to the 2024/25 capital programme through the release of the remaining LMAG policy provision, and to add a further £844,000 of funding from the Business Rates Pool.</li> <li>- The funding will be used to create new art gallery displays, café, shop and reception.</li> <li>- It will also enable the development of a National Lottery Heritage Fund funding application to support the development of new social history galleries, environment galleries, improved learning spaces and first floor occupancy works.</li> </ul>
6.	<b>REASON FOR DECISION</b>	Approval is required to release the funding for the scheme to proceed.
7.	<p><b>a) KEY DECISION Y/N?</b></p> <p>b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? y/n</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
8.	<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue with existing galleries - The current layout is the result of ad hoc gallery developments over the years creating an incoherent layout. Ad hoc extensions to the building since 1849 have created multiple floor levels and a visitor-unfriendly flow route. The cafe is also located in the middle of the building with limited food preparation facilities and unable to operate independently of the museum. This and existing galleries would remain in place if the scheme were not implemented. Visitor numbers to the first floor would remain restricted at peak times.</li> <li>2. Implement the proposed Phase 4 scheme that will improve the visitor flow experience and accessibility. A new suite of art galleries will be created. The repositioned café will offer more covers and improved income opportunities. The programme will also undertake essential building maintenance works. The production of successful NLHF bid would also enable the development of new environmental galleries to replace the popular decommissioned Wild Space gallery, and create new Story of Leicester galleries as well as improved learning spaces and first floor occupancy capacity.</li> </ol>

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<b>9.</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in.</li><li>• Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer</li></ul>	4 June 2024
<b>10.</b>	<b>SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER</b> (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member)	