

<b>Notice of:</b>	Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism
<b>Decision Number:</b>	PH3/2021
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Gillian Campbell, Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	5 January 2021

## REPAIR WORKS TO THE TOWER BALLROOM CEILING

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To seek approval to the outcome of the recent tender to appoint a contractor to undertake repair works to the Tower Ballroom Ceiling.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of Hayles and Howe Limited to undertake the repair works to the Tower Ballroom Ceiling.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tender exercise was undertaken during November and December 2020.

A single stage open tender process was followed in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Only one compliant tender submission was received from Hayles and Howe Limited of Bristol.

- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

### 4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

- 4.1 A do nothing option cannot be considered since should the works not be undertaken there is a risk of significant ceiling failure and the venue may have to be closed.

## **5.0 Council priority:**

5.1 The relevant Council priority is both:

- “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”
- “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

## **6.0 Background information**

6.1 Blackpool Council recently commissioned a condition survey for all its historic fibrous plaster ceilings including those at Blackpool Tower. This survey raised a number of issues with the Tower Ballroom Ceiling which need to be addressed urgently.

6.2 A contractor has been sought to deliver a programme of repairs which assumes a like for like replacement of failed or failing elements across the Tower Ballroom ceiling. The contractor is required to have extensive experience of the restoration of large scale fibrous plaster ceilings in buildings of Grade II status and upwards to deliver the project.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

## **7.0 List of Appendices:**

7.1 None.

## **8.0 Legal considerations:**

8.1 The overall value of the works is £1,155,121. The contract value for this tender is £904,333. Additional works required (e.g. scaffolding hire, risk contingency, project management etc.) which makes up the cost difference of £250,788.

8.2 A funding grant contribution of £750,000 for the works has been approved/secured from Historic England. Therefore the Council contribution to the cost of the works is £405,121.

8.3 The Council’s contribution shall be funded from the Leisure Assets portfolio, by reprioritization of existing funding allocations.

8.4 The Director of Resources has been briefed on the required financial contributions.

**9.0 Legal considerations:**

9.1 The tender process has been undertaken in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

9.2 A formal contract will be entered into with the successful contractor.  
None.

9.3 The successful provider will be required to sign up to the Council's Supplier Charter.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 Should the works not be undertaken, there is a significant risk to the public and the Ballroom will have to be closed until repairs can be made.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations considerations:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

13.1 Both the Planning and Built Heritage Services have been consulted internally and Historic England (who are the primary funder) have been consulted externally. Joan Humble of Blackpool Civic Trust has also been briefed, in confidence in case of an approach by media sources.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None.

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EXECUTIVE/CABINET MEMBER**

**15.0 Key decision information:**

15.1 Is this a key decision? No

15.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

15.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A

15.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

**16.0 Call-in information:**

16.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

16.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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**17.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):**

Date informed:

Date approved:

**18.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):**

18.1 None.

**19.0 Executive decision:**

19.1 The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:

To approve the appointment of Hayles and Howe Limited to undertake the repair works to the Tower Ballroom Ceiling.

**20.0 Date of Decision:**

20.1 5 January 2021

**21.0 Reason(s) for decision:**

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**22.0 Date Decision published:**

22.1 **5 January 2021**

**23.0 Executive Members in attendance:**

23.1

**24.0 Call-in:**

24.1

**25.0 Notes:**

25.1