

**NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL  
DECISION**

**DECISION OF: COUNCILLOR DAVID PASLEY, EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR  
FINANCE, HR, ASSET MANAGEMENT AND TRANSFORMATION**

**IN CONSULTATION WITH: RICHARD PENSKA, INTERIM SECTION 151  
OFFICER & ALEX HEARN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLACEMAKING  
& GROWTH**



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**DECISION NO: 2018/2019 CSD 149**

**SUBJECT: Tropicana Coastal Community Fund Round 5 – Stage 2 bid**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

**BACKGROUND:**

In April 2018, NSC submitted a Stage 1 Expression of Interest to the Coastal Community Fund Round 5 for funding to support the refurbishment of the Tropicana.

We were notified on 8<sup>th</sup> November that the Tropicana bid had been shortlisted and NSC was invited to submit a full Stage 2 application by January 21<sup>st</sup>.

The bid is for £1.06m funding to

- upgrade the external arena space to industry standards
- install new fire exits, increasing the site capacity from 3,800 to 8,500
- remodelling the Gallery and Bay Café and making repairs to the roof
- create a fixed-term marketing and communications post

This investment is expected to generate at 60 new jobs and at least £2.2m gross value added to the Town Centre economy.

The requirements of the Stage 2 are as follows

- Stage 2 application form (completed online)
- Project budget and staff posts template (to be completed on a template supplied)
- Activity timetable template (to be completed on a template supplied)
- Project / business plan (completed in line with the supplied guidance)
- An approved, signed and dated copy of your organisation's most recent financial statements
- A letter from the Coastal Community Team accountable body confirming that they agree to be legally responsible for any funding awarded by CCF
- A capital cost plan (completed on the template supplied)

The conditions attached to the funding reflect the need to demonstrate spend on specific and additional support needed to develop the business case.

## **DECISION:**

That the Executive Member approves the submission of the Stage 2 bid up to a final value of £1.067m.

## **REASONS:**

In line with the Council's Financial Regulations submission of the bid needs to be approved the Executive Member, S151 Officer and the Director of Development and Environment.

## **OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Not applying for the funding. North Somerset Council would then need to find the funding required for the refurbishment and upgrade of the Tropicana. There would also be a resulting opportunity cost arising from not being able to make the maximum use of the Tropicana as an NSC asset.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

### **Costs**

Current estimates for proposed works are £1.032m capital and £0.035k revenue.

### **Funding**

We are applying for a total of £1.067m comprising

- £1.032m capital
- £0.035k revenue

## **LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS**

The bid is made under the relevant powers of the local authority as defined in legislation.

## **CONSULTATION**

The scope of the capital works has been defined with specialist input from

- Private sector event partners and promoters including REM Management & Danco
- WSP
- NSC Health & Safety
- Avon Fire & Rescue

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The bid includes a comprehensive risk register and if successful, the project will be delivered in line with recognised capital projects methodology by the NSC Major Projects Team, overseen by a board chaired by the Assistant Director for Placemaking & Growth.

In the event of costs exceeding the available budget, value engineering will be undertaken to reduce the scope / specification of the works.

**EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? No

We have considered if there are any equalities implications and none have been identified.

**CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

If successful, the bid will require officer time to be committed to its delivery from teams including

- Infrastructure Delivery Team
- Seafront and events
- Finance
- Strategic Procurement

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Overview presented to Infrastructure & Investment Board 1th January 2019.

SIGNATORIES:

DECISION MAKER(S):

Signed: *[Signature]* ..... Executive Member

Date: *01/02/19* .....

Signed: *[Signature]* ..... S151 officer

Date: *1/2/19* .....

Signed: *[Signature]* .....  
Assistant Director for Placemaking & Growth, acting for the Director of Development and Environment

Date: *1/2/2019* .....

