

## Officer Executive Decisions

### English Heritage Local Management Agreement Renewal

**Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date:** On 21 November 2017, the Cabinet considered a report which provided details of the proposed renewal of the Local Management Agreement (LMA) with English Heritage for the operation and maintenance of Rochester Castle, Upnor Castle and Temple Manor for a five year period.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services, to conclude negotiations and finalise the LMA, including the draft amended Heads of Terms, with English Heritage subject to Full Council approval of the funding. However, should negotiations not be concluded on best terms then a report will be brought back to Cabinet accordingly (decision no. 130/2017).

The report may be found online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ielIssueDetails.aspx?Id=21153&Opt=3>

**Decision:** The Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive, having consulted with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services, agreed the new Local Management Agreement with English Heritage, including the Heads of Terms. This agreement caps the Council's commitment to £500,000 for the five year period (a maximum of £100,000 per annum).

**Reasons for Decision:** The amended LMA sets out a binding service level agreement with English Heritage, providing a structured programme for the operation and maintenance of three historic properties in Medway and budgetary certainty.

**Date of Decision:** April 2019

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**Details of any other options considered and rejected:** The options considered were set out in the Cabinet report.

**Conflicts of Interest:** None