

REPORT TO ASSETS AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

60 KING STREET REGENERATION PROJECT



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Prepared by Town Clerk

1.0 UPDATE

A decision on the Architectural Heritage Fund application is expected imminently. This was an application to cover the initial consultation costs to support the development of the larger National Heritage Lottery Fund application. The consultants are also preparing applications for the Pilgrims Trust and a viability application from the National Heritage Lottery Fund.

The working group was asked by the consultants to develop the criteria upon which options for use of the building would be appraised. This will firstly be used to confirm/dismiss high level options as part of an overall options appraisal that will be required for future grant applications.

The criteria agreed by the working group are:

- a) The building continues to be safeguarded by Knutsford Town Council as the town's most iconic building
- b) The building provides a function space affordable for community use
- c) The operation of the building is cost neutral for the council or delivers a net surplus
- d) The whole of the building and grounds are actively used and where possible accessible to the community
- e) The building contributes towards the vitality of the high street and visitor economy
- f) The history of the building delivering a social benefit to the local community is reinstated

2.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

None, information only report.