

## Record of Urgent Executive Decision(s)

### 1. Subject of decision

Museum and Estate Development Fund Grant Offer – Refurbishment works to Segedunum Roman Fort & Museum

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

John Sparkes, Director of Regeneration & Economic Development

### 3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

### 4. Executive summary (To be taken from written report)

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development to the Authority accepting, in principle, an offer of £0.499m Museum and Estate Development (MEND) Grant funding from Arts Council England for refurbishment works at Segedunum Roman Fort & Museum, namely:

- roof repairs,
- replacement of air handling plant,
- a new lift; and
- new emergency lighting.

The grant funded works are matched by £0.150m from the Authority's Asset programme and £0.106m from the Authority's Our Ambition programme.

Delegated authority is also sought to subsequently enter into a funding agreement with Arts Council England.

The grant will be used as match funding towards a potential National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) bid for the wider transformation of Segedunum, a response from NLHF to an Expression of Interest submitted by the Authority is due by 25 February.

## 5. Alternative Options considered

The following decision options are available for consideration:

### Option 1

To approve the recommendation set out at paragraph 1.2 of this report.

### Option 2

To approve and/or reject some or all of the recommendations set out at Paragraphs 1.2 (1) (2) of this report.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## 6. Decision(s)

That the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and the Director of Resources exercises specific delegation RED3 included in the Authority's Officer Delegation scheme to:

- (1) Authorise the Authority's acceptance in principle of the offer of Museum and Estate Development Grant Fund from Arts Council England so as to obtain: -
  - a. £499,000 towards refurbishment works at Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum
- (2) Request the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development and the Director of Resources to take all necessary steps to complete the Museum and Estate Development Grant Fund Agreement.

**7. Reasons for the Decision(s)**

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

Accepting this funding will enable the Authority to progress with the refurbishment works and it will also strengthen the NLHF grant bid for the wider transformation of Segedunum.

**8. Date Decision Made**

24 February 2022

*To be completed by Democratic Services*

**9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period**

No. See below for reason.

**10. Date of Publication**

24 February 2022

**11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)**

24 February 2022

\*Note – this is an Urgent Decision, as agreed by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and not subject to call-in, as agreed by the Chair of Council.

The reason for urgency is as follows:

The MEND grant offer from Arts Council England is subject to the offer being accepted in principle by 5pm on Friday 25 February 2022.