

Extract from the notes of the Heritage and Tourism Task and Finish Group meeting of 9 December 2019

41. Update on Holy Trinity Church

The Assistant Director for Communities confirmed that an initial investigation into this building had confirmed that substantial resources would be required to carry out the required repairs. The Group heard that a full feasibility study would be required before the total extent of the works required could be known, and this was likely to cost in the region of £25,000. It was confirmed, as in previous meetings that Holy Trinity Church is on the agenda for the Revolving Investment Fund Steering Group so any subsequent project will be reported there, however the group were given an update that consideration was being given to various funding streams to help with the costs. The Group were advised that there was a possibility of getting the building listed as a 'building at risk', which would potentially make obtaining funding more urgent.

Cllr Tim Young asked the Assistant Director for Communities if Commercial Use of the building was being explored. It was explained that the preference was for community use, as per the pre-existing covenant and that given the extensive repairs needed viability could be an issue but that she was not aware that commercial use was being explored but would check.

Action: The Assistant Director for Communities to confirm whether a formal decision had been taken regarding the preferred use of the site.

The Museums and Culture Manager reiterated that the first step necessary in moving the site forwards was to obtain a detailed feasibility study, as without this the extent of any works necessary to renovate the building would not be known, limiting any future use – either community or commercial. The Group fully supported approaching Cabinet to obtain the funding necessary to conduct this study.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet that funding be made available for a feasibility study to determine the extent of works required to renovate Holy Trinity Church.