

included. The delegation would allow proper scrutiny of any changes without the need for a further meeting of the Council, which would be difficult with regard to the deadline for submission of the bid. A Member highlighted one item which it was thought may have been duplicated on the cost plan.

It was **resolved** that the Council:

1. *Approve the confidential report of the Town Clerk;*
2. *Approve the Council's stage 2 HLF application including the cost plan in the sum of £2,814,942, revised estimates for funding the project and the outreach/ activity programme as presented and noted and approved the financial statement made in paragraph 6 of the above report.*
3. *Note the cost uncertainties outlined in paragraph 7 of the report and that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Curator, Leader of the Council and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the County Hall Museum Management Committee to allow a 10% variation on the cost plan i.e. a sum of £281,500 to cover any increased costs required to make the stage 2 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.*
4. *Approve the proposals for Project Management and fundraising during the interim period when the HLF application is being determined and delegate the implementation of these proposals to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Curator, Leader of the Council and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the County Hall Museum Management Committee.*
5. *Note the statement made in relation to Council revenue costs both during and after the building phase of the project and to endorse the Council's previous in principal agreement to increased revenue costs amounting to £70,000 following the building phase but noting that at this point there would be no additional impact upon precept/ Council Tax as the capital sum of £117,000 currently allocated each year to the project would no longer be required. To approve the revenue cost of £70,000 previously agreed being increased to allow for inflation, if necessary.*

The meeting rose at 10.10 pm.