

Record of Decisions

Princess Promenade Refurbishment (Phase 2) - proposed removal of Upper Banjo and cathodic protection of extended Lower Banjo deck, and original Eastern Promenade structures

Decision Taker

Mayor on 12 July 2012

Decision

That the Executive Head Resident and Visitor Services be instructed to invite tenders and let a contract to demolish the upper deck and widen the lower deck of the banjo together with providing cathodic protection to the structural elements of the banjo and eastern promenade. The contract to commence in October 2012 to allow the bango to be open for summer 2013.

Reason for the Decision

The optimum cost and environmental solution to the defective condition of the upper banjo structure is its complete removal, since such demolition is financially efficient and the loss of the upper tier is considered to return uniformity to the waterfront outlook of Torquay Outer Harbour.

The extension of the lower deck completes the walking surface to link more harmoniously with the sunken garden grounds and removes a sometimes unsightly view for users.

The specification for the cathodic protection system is that it should be fit for purpose for a defined 50 year design life, within principle elements of maintenance at 25 years.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 25 July 2012 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The first phase of repairs to the eastern promenade and banjo were completed in June 2012. Following the decision of the Council on 31 October 2011 to provide capital funding for phase two to include repairs to the banjo as a whole, a revised design for the repair works had been proposed. The proposed works include the removal of the upper deck of the banjo, together with its supporting columns and the widening of the lower deck, which would improve the environment of Princess Promenade, Torquay.

The exposure of the lower deck is anticipated to bring about a reduction in anti-social behaviour which might otherwise prevail were the lower deck to continue to be enclosed by the upper deck structure.

The Mayor supported the recommendations of the Council made on 12 July 2012, as set out in his decision above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

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