

To: Leadership Board

On: 25 April 2018

Report by: Director of Development and Housing Services

**Heading: RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (CART NAVIGATION) HARBOUR
REVISION ORDER 2018**

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks to obtain the Boards approval to make an application to Scottish Ministers for a Harbour Revision Order in relation to the White Cart in the vicinity of Wright Street, Renfrew.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
- (i) grant authority to the City Deal Director in consultation with the Head of Corporate Governance to make an application to the Scottish Ministers under Section 14(1) of the Harbours Act 1964 for a Harbour Revision Order as detailed in section 3 of this report.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The Glasgow Airport Investment Area (GAIA) project comprises the realignment of Abbotsinch Road between Arran Avenue and Greenock Road / Inchinnan Road; a new bridge over the White Cart at Wright Street (the Wright Street Link) and improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians, all aimed at improving connections between the Westway, Inchinnan and Airport Business Parks as an enabler for the delivery of the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District including the anchor of the location of the National Manufacturing Institute of Scotland at the Netherton site.

- 3.2 The Wright Street Link includes a new bridge with a shared cycleway across the White Cart Water linking Wright Street and adjacent areas east of the river with the proposed Abbotsinch Road realignment, west of the river. Planning consent for the bridge was granted on 7 November 2017 at the Community, Housing and Planning Board as part of the “Glasgow Airport Investment Area planning application Glasgow Airport Investment Area, Abbotsinch Road, Paisley (reference 17/0485/PP)”.
- 3.3 In order to be able to construct the bridge and implement the planning consent, it will be necessary to promote a Harbour Revision Order
- 3.4 The Council is the Harbour Authority and has statutory powers under section 14(1) of the Harbours Act 1964, to apply for a Harbour Revision Order for securing the improvement, maintenance, or management of the harbour in an efficient and economical manner. The extent of the Council jurisdiction is shown on the Plan at the end of this report entitled Harbour Jurisdiction Plan.
- 3.5 The new bridge over the White Cart will inhibit navigation to the extent that the exercise of such rights would be prevented or hindered by the construction, presence, use or maintenance of the bridge and as such falls within these statutory powers. The proposed interference with navigation relates only to a short stretch of the river upstream of Wright Street as the river is currently not navigable further upstream towards the old Paisley Harbour.
- 3.6 There is an existing Renfrewshire Council (Cart Navigation) Harbour Revision Order 2007 confirmed by Scottish Ministers to enable a private bridge downstream of Wright Street and the proposed new bridge to be constructed directly into the Westway Business Park. This has never been implemented and the interference with navigation confirmed by the Order have therefore never come into force. An effect of this Order will be to repeal the relevant provisions of the previous Order to ensure clarity and so the interference with navigation affects a shorter length of river than the previous 2007 Order had it been implemented.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – the cost of the application to Scottish Ministers is circa £4K
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council Planning** –
 - *Our Renfrewshire is thriving* – n/a
 - *Our Renfrewshire is well* – n/a
 - *Our Renfrewshire is fair* - n/a
 - *Our Renfrewshire is safe* – n/a
 - *Reshaping our place, our economy and our future* – n/a
 - *Building strong, safe and resilient communities* – n/a

- Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all – n/a
 - Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy – n/a
 - Working together to improve outcomes – n/a
4. **Legal** – the Council has statutory powers under section 14(1) of the Harbours Act 1964 to make an application for such an Order
 5. **Property/Assets** – none
 6. **Information Technology** – none
 7. **Equality & Human Rights**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 8. **Health & Safety** – none
 9. **Procurement** – none
 10. **Risk** - none
 11. **Privacy Impact** - none
 12. **Cosla Policy Position** – n/a
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List of Background Papers

None

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Harbour Jurisdiction Map

