

CABINET
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RESTORATION OF LOCOMOTION NO1 REPLICA - RELEASE OF CAPITAL

**Responsible Cabinet Member -
Councillor Andy Keir, Local Services Portfolio**

**Responsible Director -
Dave Winstanley, Group Director of Services**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To request the release of capital funding for the restoration of Locomotion No1 Replica.

Summary

2. Following the acquisition of Locomotion No1 Replica from Beamish, the assessment of the condition and the work required to bring back into full operational order in time for the 2025 bicentenary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway (S&DR) has now been completed. This report seeks release of capital to enable the works to progress.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that Members release capital of £0.496m as detailed in this report to carry out the restoration of Locomotion No1 Replica and associated chaldron waggons and coach.

Reasons

4. The recommendation is supported by the following reason, to restore the Locomotion No 1 Replica ready for the bicentenary of the S&DR.

Dave Winstanley
Group Director of Services

Background Papers

- (i) 13 April 2021 Cabinet – Locomotion No1 and Replica
- (ii) 8 February 2022 Cabinet – Revenue Budget Monitoring – Quarter 3

S17 Crime and Disorder	No impact as a result of this report
Health and Wellbeing	No impact as a result of this report
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	No impact as a result of this report
Diversity	No impact as a result of this report
Wards Affected	The Head of Steam is located in Northgate Ward
Groups Affected	No particular group is affected
Budget and Policy Framework	No impact as a result of this report
Key Decision	No
Urgent Decision	No
Council Plan	The restoration of the Locomotion No1 Replica and its return to working order at the Head of Steam will have a significant impact on the Place outcomes
Efficiency	No impact as a result of this report
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. Members previously considered a report on Locomotion No1 and the Replica in April 2021 at which time Members:
 - (a) Approved the acquisition of the Replica of Locomotion No 1 from Beamish Museum;
 - (b) Approved the provision of a grant to Beamish Museum, to a maximum of £150,000, to enable them to restore the Locomotive Dunrobin.
6. In addition, as part of the Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter 3 report in February 2022, £0.496m was allocated to a ring-fenced 2025 Rail Heritage Fund reserve to be utilised for the refurbishment of the Locomotion No1 Replica.
7. As part of the 2025 bicentenary for S&DR, the Locomotion No1 Replica will be operating under steam to be a central part of the overall celebrations. To achieve this, there is work required to bring the Locomotion No1 Replica back into working order and up to modern day standards to enable it to run on the rail network. An assessment of the work required has taken place by Locomotive Maintenance Services, specialists in the field.
8. The works required are extensive and cover mechanical, boiler, assembly, commissioning, testing and certification. Locomotive Maintenance Services has been contracted to carry out the work, which will be completed by summer 2024 in good time for the bicentenary celebrations.

9. In addition to the restoration of the Locomotion No1 Replica, there is also a requirement to build a number of chaldron waggons and coaches for people to ride in. Officers are working with Beamish on this aspect of the project
10. Work is also ongoing in developing a solution for the Locomotion No1 Replica to also operate with electric power as well as steam powered.
11. Once restored to working order, and post 2025, there will be the opportunity to operate the Locomotion No1 Replica on regular event days at the Rail Heritage Quarter and to loan out to partners.

Financial Implications

12. £0.496m was allocated to a ring-fenced 2025 Rail Heritage Fund reserve to be utilised for the refurbishment of the Loco No. 1 replica.

Procurement Advice

13. The procurement of the services of Locomotive Maintenance is in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.