

**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – TCBC AND MCC  
HERITAGE SERVICES IN RELATION TO MAMHILAD NYLON  
SPINNERS LISTED BUILDING.**  
**MEETING: INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER’S DECISION.**  
**DATE TO BE CONSIDERED: 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023.**  
**WARDS AFFECTED: All.**

## **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose that MCC join into an MoU in relation to the provision of Heritage Advice to consider the ongoing management of the Nylon Spinners listed building at Mamhilad.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree to the content of the MoU as attached in Appendix A. That future amendments or extension of the MoU be delegated to the Chief Officer for Communities and Place.

## **3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 MCC heritage officers have previously been engaged through two former MoU agreements with TCBC to provide Heritage advice in relation to all aspects of the historic environment management in exercising their planning functions. Previously this involved the recruitment of an additional officer to the team to resource the delivery of this service. These agreements came to an end due to resource implications and a reluctance of both parties, to enter into a longer term agreement. However, this current proposed agreement relates only to one site in TCBC, the Nylon Spinners Factory at Mamhilad, and will not require any additional resource input, as opposed to the former agreements. This can be managed within the existing staffing provision.
- 3.2 Colleagues have already been heavily involved in the major planning application for 824 houses at Mamhilad which also involves a Listed Building Consent Application for partial demolition of the listed building. Through discussion and agreement with Cadw, MCC named officers can provide a higher level of support in determining any listed building consent applications submitted to TCBC through their own delegated powers. This ensures consistency of officers, having already been involved in the building for some considerable time.
- 3.3 It is proposed that MCC officers will engage in advice based services, both written and verbal, in relation to Listed building consent applications at the site. This will involve making recommendations and approving applications where

appropriate. Officers will also provide advice in relation to the impact on the historic assets when considering any planning applications on the site.

- 3.5 MCC Officers propose to charge out on an hourly basis for their time and expenses, as set out in the attached MoU in Appendix A. The agreement is proposed for a period of 2 years and administered on an ad hoc basis depending on the need for the services. It is anticipated that the service demand will be limited and can be accommodated within the existing resource given that the service provision is linked to one site only.

#### 4.0 OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Option	Benefit	Risks
1. Agree to implement to the MoU.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased income for service area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the service demands become too intensive and have a detrimental impact on MCC service delivery</li> </ul>
2. Disagree to implement the MoU.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains current service standards. Maintains status quo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential loss of income for service area.</li> </ul>

#### 5. REASONS

- 5.1 The delivery of the MoU maintains good connections and working relationships with adjacent Authority. The provision of sharing expertise in order to support the adjacent Authority is welcomed which also provides and additional and much needed income stream not otherwise available.

#### 6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The resource implication is in relation to officer time required to provide the necessary advice on an ad hoc and hourly basis. This is anticipated to be approximately 10 hours per month, however, depending on service demands this could vary. It is noted that there is an opportunity to decline the provision of officer time, should the service demands become excessive.

It is considered that this anticipated time resource would not place undue stress or burden on officers.

**7. WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING & CORPORATE PARENTING)**

See attached in appendix 3.

**8. CONSULTEES**

Legal – Acceptable and no issues identified.

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Appendix A – Memorandum of Understanding.

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