

To: Councillor Mary Newton, Business & Economic Growth Portfolio Holder

From: Tom Gardiner, Head of Regeneration

Cc: Richard Barrett, Head of Finance, Revenue & Benefits
Ewan Green, Corporate Director, Planning & Regeneration

Date: 14th February 2020

Dear Councillor Newton

Harwich Port Feasibility Study

Bathside Bay's existing planning permission as a container terminal is due to expire in 2021. With forecast regional growth opportunities in offshore wind, new nuclear, offshore gas decommissioning and wider energy and engineering sectors in excess of £59bn to 2040, and recent opportunities linked with the potential to secure Free Port Status, this offers Harwich and Tendring an exciting opportunity to capture, support and sustain economic and jobs growth.

Essex County Council has determined to undertake some preliminary work to better understand the range of opportunities open to the Port, and has invited Tendring District Council to co-fund a bespoke study on a 50/50 basis. The work is to be undertaken by Opergy (total study value £5000).

As part of this preliminary work Opergy will:

- Examine Bathside Bay's existing consent and provide a brief summary of what was proposed, identifying any potential areas that could be retained with alternative potential uses (subject to planning).
- Provide researched commentary on the sector opportunities associated with:
 - Energy Sector, prioritising:
 - Offshore wind construction, operations and maintenance
 - New Nuclear at Bradwell and possibly Sizewell
 - Oil & Gas Decommissioning
 - Off-site manufacturing and construction for housing
 - Logistics and Distribution
 - Enhanced Ferry Links with Europe and Scandinavia (Brexit Opportunity - tbc)
 - Free Ports and Enterprise Zones
 - Training Facilities for Energy/Ports/Logistics (FE/HE)
 - Technology Innovation Centre for Energy/Ports/Logistics
 - Container Terminal (long term future opportunity – tbc)
 - Marina facilities (aligned to existing Bathside Bay consent)
- Consider the need for 'transferable infrastructure' to accommodate flexibility as the needs of the identified sectors evolve over time.

- Produce a simple CGI concept representation, using fig.1 below as an initial reference point, as to how the component parts of a newly configured Bathside Bay might work and align with existing port infrastructure.
- Provide researched, albeit high-level estimates of the likely costs associated with delivering the required infrastructure/buildings/facilities identified.
- Consider any potential phasing and delivery timetable.
- Given the Council's commitment to support local businesses, and its leading role in promoting Harwich as a location for business, I hereby request your approval to allocate £2,500 from unallocated resources within the Council's Business Investment and Growth Budget to help fund this work.

Kind regards

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Dear Tom

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Thank you for your memorandum dated 14th February 2020 requesting approval to allocate and utilise £2,500 from the Business, Investment & Growth Budget to support the cost of a co-funded preliminary study examining the opportunities for Harwich Port referenced in your memorandum.

I agree/don't agree (delete as applicable) that funding in the value of £2,500 can allocated for the purpose described.

Kind regards



Councillor Mary Newton
Business & Economic Growth Portfolio Holder

Date: 17.1.2020
