

The Arctic Corsair, one of two historic vessels in Hull set to be conserved Hull City Council

Hull City Council will use a £15million National Lottery grant to help secure Hull's future as a major UK tourist destination.

Building on its success as UK City of Culture 2017, this historic maritime city will celebrate its heritage by developing three important sites:

- the Maritime Museum
- the Dock Office Chambers and the North End Shipyard
- two historic vessels, the Arctic Corsair and Spurn Lightship

Councillor Stephen Brady, Leader of Hull City Council, said: "Today's announcement is a huge vote of confidence in our city and another major step towards achieving one of the key ambitions of our City Plan to make Hull a world-class visitor destination. My heartfelt thanks go to National Lottery players – it couldn't have happened without them."

Seven-year visionary project

Following on from its ongoing £100m investment in the city's cultural and visitor infrastructure, Hull City Council will provide a further £12.5m towards the seven-year project from its capital programme.

Taking pride in Hull's maritime history

The wider plan to regenerate Hull will look back to Hull’s history as a trading and fishing port and then take the story onwards to the present and the future. At least 20 new jobs will be created along with increased visitor numbers and a volunteer programme to raise awareness and pride in Hull’s maritime history.

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Ros Kerslake, HLF Chief Executive , said: “With a greater understanding of the wider Hull story we hope local people will feel proud of their great city’s past and optimistic about its resurgence moving forwards.”

Redevelopment and conservation plans

Plans include: the redevelopment of Hull Maritime Museum; the conversion of the Dock Office Chambers into a new home for the maritime collection; full conservation and relocation of the Arctic Corsair and Spurn Lightship will undergo full conservation before being relocated; the building of a visitor orientation centre at the North End Shipyard on Dock Office Row.

John Glen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Tourism, said: “This £15m investment will help Hull build an enduring legacy from its fantastic year as UK City of Culture, as I was able to observe first hand on my visit to the city last week."



A visitor centre will be built at the North End Shipyard on Dock Office Row Hull City Council



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