## Canal Corridor North – Dukes Capital Scheme

## Accountable body risks/ scheme risks Stage 1 – Development phase

Risk	Description of Risk	Category	Comments/ Mitigation
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Potential	Potentially related to failure to meet funding	Financial	The Council has considerable experience in managing the
clawback of funds	conditions, including audit requirements	Information Reputation	accountable body role and working within funding requirements, ensuring that activities are eligible and all audit requirements are
	A number of pieces of work will be undertaken by third parties		met
			Adequate controls and agreements are required to ensure all
	Maximum risk at Stage 1 will be for		works, including third party works, are properly accounted for and
	development costs of a maximum of £500k (request to be confirmed)		documentation is available
			Clear, agreed project management arrangements, including roles
	There could be a limited risk relating to individual elements of work		and responsibilities, are required
			Arts Council England works closely and constructively with
	There are no capital asset risks at Stage 1		partners to support the delivery of outcomes
Public	Failure to meet public procurement or State Aid	Regulatory	Specialist advice currently being taken to provide an informed
procurement and	requirements	Financial	position on procurement and State Aids relating to the wider CCN
State Aids			development
			Advice on procurement of any remaining elements of the Dukes
			capital scheme needs to be embedded into project management
			arrangements. The Council can access procurement advice, as required

Irrecoverable VAT	The Council may not be able to recover some or all VAT	Financial	This could have a potentially significant impact on overall project budgets  VAT regulations are complex and the way they may apply in the case of this project needs to be fully understood as a matter of priority, in order to calculate the financial impact on Stage 1 proposals
Resource issues/ unanticipated work / costs for the Council	Potentially due to stretched staff capacity, discovery of factors requiring additional investigation during Stage 1, unrealistic cost estimates and /or lack of clarity on project scope  Could impact on other areas of work	Operational Financial	Careful planning at pre Stage 1 and provision of required resources and expertise to support development of proposals, application at Stage 1 and potentially Stage 2 and project delivery
Impact on the Dukes current operation	The Dukes has limited capacity to develop and deliver proposals at the level that Arts Council England will expect, without an impact on day to day operations	Operational Financial	Careful planning at pre Stage 1 and provision of required resources and expertise to support development of proposals, application at Stage 1 and potentially Stage 2 and project delivery Support from the Council as applicant and accountable body and key partners, British Land and Lancaster University will partially reduce this risk
Failure to achieve Stage 1 funding and support from Arts Council England	Would preclude investment of up £4.99m from Arts Council England in the scheme  The impact of an unsuccessful bid will affect the Dukes' scheme and organisation, the quality and viability of the CCN development, as currently presented, and wider outcomes for the district	Financial Strategic Operational	Dukes scheme proposals may need further work to meet Arts Council expectations, to compete with other well developed, ambitious proposals and to take full advantage of the opportunity for transformational development  The Council acting as applicant and accountable body will provide assurance to funders in term of delivery, financial management, partnership commitment to the project and achievement of outcomes

	Competition will be very strong with a number of well-developed proposals already lined up  Potential lost opportunity to develop the current Dukes operation and the city's arts/ cultural offer, with implications for the Council relating to ongoing revenue support requirements		In the event of failure, other options to develop a viable scheme would need to be considered with partners
Failure to deliver the Stage 1 project as required	Potentially related to lack of clarity on project scope, deliverables and critical milestones or inadequate resources/ lack of appropriate skills  The impact on the Dukes capital scheme and the wider Canal Corridor Scheme could be significant as Stage 2 capital funding of up to £4.99m will not be available  Potential lost opportunity to develop the current Dukes operation and the city's arts/cultural offer, with implications for the Council relating to ongoing revenue support requirements	Strategic Operational Reputation	Mitigation can be achieved by careful planning pre Stage 1, including identification of key pieces of work and agreement of critical milestones  Identification of and provision for appropriate resources and skills is required, prior to Stage 1, to ensure budgets, capacity and appropriate expertise will be available  There is a good understanding of the site, its constraints, heritage issues and statutory consent requirements  The 18 month Stage 1 development phase is reasonable in terms of the works required  In the event of failure, other options to develop a viable scheme would need to be considered with partners
Inadequate business case for ongoing operation	Creates a risk to the Stage 2 application and ongoing financial risk to the revenue operation and a wider risk to the quality and viability of CCN scheme as currently presented	Financial Strategic Reputational	A clear and compelling vision is a pre-requisite, building on the considerable strengths of the partnership and taking the opportunity to develop transformational proposals to take the operation into the future

			Detailed development and analysis of potential revenue income streams, market factors, governance, management and delivery capacity are required as part of Stage 1  Provision needs to be made for sufficient resource and expertise at Stage 1 to ensure all appropriate long term operational models and market factors are identified and fully assessed
Failure to achieve 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage funding	Direct impact will be on the Dukes capital scheme and potentially the quality and viability of the CCN development if this scheme cannot be delivered  The impact for the Council relates to some potential loss of economic benefits and opportunities to improve Place Offer  Bidding for Arts Council capital grants is extremely competitive and a number of well-developed proposals, from elsewhere, are expected for this round  Potential lost opportunity to develop the current Dukes operation and the city's arts/cultural offer, with implications for the Council relating to ongoing revenue support requirements	Financial Strategic	Mitigation focuses on taking all possible steps to develop the quality, uniqueness and deliverability of the proposals  Strength of the partnership is important but a clear and compelling overall vision and commitment by all partners is required  Provision of resources and appropriate expertise is required to progress all elements of Stage 1 in order to ensure the quality and competitiveness of the Stage 2 proposal  In the event of failure, other options to develop a viable scheme would need to be considered with partners
Cash flow	Short term impact on the Council's budget	Financial	Efficient arrangements need to be in place to deal with claims and evidence requirements quickly