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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20TH JUNE 2017

Question

What progress, if any, has been made with implementing the report entitled 'Rediscovering Fort Regent – A Vision for the Future', published on 12th September 2014?

In particular, are there still plans to build two lifts from Snow Hill and, if so, when will this take place and what is the estimated cost?

Answer

The regeneration of Fort Regent is a political priority and a new Steering Group has been formed under the chairmanship of Connétable Steve Pallett, Assistant Minister with responsibility for Sport.

'Rediscovering Fort Regent' as the title suggests was a visioning exercise that would have placed significant reliance upon substantial amounts of public funding, to make it deliverable.

A phased approach to delivering the proposals was included in the draft capital programme considered by the Council of Ministers as part of the funding for this Medium Term Financial Planning cycle, but was not prioritised.

The Steering Group is making excellent progress following a different route towards securing the future of the Fort that involves undertaking an 'Expression of Interest' exercise to assess interest amongst potential Private Investors, who may then be invited to prepare proposals as part of a formal Tender exercise.

Components of the 'Rediscovering Fort Regent' vision may re-emerge from potential Investors as part of the proposed Tender exercise.

Access to the Fort as a whole will form an integral part of the Tender exercise, therefore there are no current plans to build lifts from Snow Hill.