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Submitted to **The Stone of Destiny**

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### Views Sought

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The heritage community has been working on a series of peer reviewed and agreed principles for decision-making. The final output of this thinking is still to be confirmed, but the fundamental issues to be transparently addressed in any decision that affects Scotland's heritage are clear (here written in the form of a possible Charter):

Decisions affecting Scotland's historic environment will include:

##### ARTICLE 1:

Understanding and valuing the cultural significance of the historic environment through:

- Considering the academic value, rarity and significance of any asset
- Considering any current vulnerability/risk of any asset
- Considering the social value of any asset

##### ARTICLE 2:

Optimising the potential for the social benefit of the historic environment through:

- Encouraging and considering any social and community proposition or service provision through any asset
- Considering the skills development potential of any project

##### ARTICLE 3:

Ensuring that environmental sustainability is always enhanced, so negative environmental impacts are minimised now and for the future.

##### ARTICLE 4:

Encouraging wider economic benefit through:

- Financing and resourcing the historic environment
- Recognising the importance of financial sustainability for any project or asset
- Considering and encouraging the potential for leveraging further investment

##### ARTICLE 5:

Increasing engagement and inclusivity through:

- Considering appropriate alternative use/adaptability of the historic environment
- Considering the potential for improved accessibility and engagement
- Promoting a vision which sees historic environment assets and places as interconnected
- Rewarding the positive role a variety of engaged stakeholders and partnership and collaborative working can bring to any place or project

##### ARTICLE 6:

Considering the condition of an asset and encouraging appropriate maintenance and care and ongoing active management schemes.

##### ARTICLE 7:

Considering the deliverability and feasibility of a project.

##### ARTICLE 8:

Considering the legal and statutory duties of the decision maker.

##### ARTICLE 9:

Considering the financial needs, governance and succession planning of organisations undertaking projects.

##### ARTICLE 10:

Considering ownership constraints and benefits.

##### ARTICLE 11:

Recognition that there is not enough resource to enable investment in every asset and therefore some must necessarily be deprioritised.

When de-prioritisation takes place, actions should include:

- Learning from, and recording, asset failure – including the social and cultural information
- Considering the cause of crisis-points and learning from the circumstances
- Managing decline as part of the process, and acknowledging it is not necessarily terminal
- Where possible, ensuring appropriate measures are put in place to minimise loss
- Encouraging wider strategic thinking on mixed-resourcing measures (potentially not heritage-led resourcing)

Further information on these principles is available from the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and the Built Environment Forum for Scotland.

Of these it is clear that more information is required regarding the social value of the Stone of Destiny to help inform the Commissioners decision.

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