

Restoration of St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral

Restoration of the external & internal fabric of the tower & spire

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BACKGROUND NOTE

St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral forms an intrinsic part of Malta's cultural heritage. The Cathedral is a universally recognised landmark in the World Heritage city of Valletta.

Towering over the seaward approach to the Valletta skyline, the church, a Grade 1 listed building of local stone, is of great consequence to the cultural heritage of Malta and forms a pre-eminent part of Valletta's architectural landscape. With the bell-tower and its spire rising to over 67 metres from the ground, it is an historic and iconic element of the Valletta skyline.

The project to preserve and restore the Cathedral aims to turn it into a thriving and attractive communal and tourism centre. It seeks to conserve, protect and further develop one of Malta's outstanding national assets in a part of Valletta which is located in one of the Government's designated regeneration areas.

The restoration of the Cathedral does not look merely at the physical regeneration of the building, but aims to transform it into a vibrant community centre and tourist attraction.

The St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral Church Council recognises that a multi-faceted approach is necessary to address in a holistic manner the needs of the communities located in Valletta, especially in the area around the Cathedral.

The restoration of the Cathedral, which includes the recently restored Undercroft into a Café and imaginative Visitor Centre carried out at the church's expense – and an integral part of the Cathedral project - will add significant value to the tourism product offered by Malta. The investment in the Cathedral as a cultural and historical asset will also help to stimulate the current low economic activity in the area while contributing towards further developing the Maltese tourism experience.



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