



MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 16 March 2021
Venue:	Remote meeting via Zoom.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Roger Small (Chairman) Councillor John Kirkham (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Mark Bamforth, Alan Clayton, Chris Dixon, Will Harris, Paul Hodgson, Kiran Mulholland, Bobby Rigby, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillors Buckley, Green and O'Rourke
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Ian Curtis, Darren Bell, Marie Percival, Andrew Loynd, Sharon Wadsworth.
Other Attendees:	No members of the public were in attendance

Public Platform

There were no speakers on this occasion.

1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. Councillor Dixon declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 4, South Fylde Line Study.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 12 January 2021 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions on this occasion.

Decision Items

4. South Fylde Line Study

The Chairman introduced the report detailing the funding that had been secured to carry out a study to develop a Strategic Outline Business Case into the viability of creating a passing loop on the South Fylde Line, to increase the capacity of the line from 1 to 2 trains per hour. The report outlined the proposed study and the progress made to date.

Andrew Loynd, Technical Support Manager, and Councillor Dixon responded to queries in relation to the cost of the study and the stages involved in progressing the project.

It was RESOLVED to:-

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1. Support the study into the viability of creating a passing loop on the South Fylde Line and the creation of a Strategic Outline Business Case.
2. Recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee for a new fully funded addition to the Capital Programme in 2021/22 'South Fylde Line Study' to the sum of £70,000 funded from a grant of £50,000 from the Department for Transport and further funding of £16,000 from project partners, and the remaining £4,000 match funding from Fylde Council to be funded from the Capital Investment Reserve.
3. Subject to the approval from the Finance and Democracy Committee as detailed above, to authorise expenditure of up to £70,000 following the required procurement of the consultants to undertake this study.

5. Bus Shelters - Contract

The Chairman introduced the report requesting an extension to the existing agreement with the bus shelter operator Clear Channel to allow officers to undertake a formal procurement process for a new bus shelter contract within the borough.

Marie Percival, Estates & Asset Manager, provided members with an overview of the process involved and responded to concerns raised in relation to the potential for shelters not to be replaced with like for like.

It was RESOLVED:

1. That the council seek an extension to the existing agreement with Clear Channel for the provision and maintenance of bus shelters in the borough to the earlier of 2 years or formal contract award, following a procurement exercise, to be on similar terms on the expiry of the existing Deed of Variation on 10 May 2021.
2. That officers undertake a formal procurement process for the provision and maintenance of bus shelters throughout the borough.

6. St Annes Seawall – Update Report

The Chairman introduced the update report in which the Council had been successful in applying for funding to undertake development studies in preparation for the replacement of the hard sea defences at St Annes Seawall. The Project Board had now been established and required the Operational Management Committee to nominate a Councillor Representative onto the Project Board.

It was RESOLVED to:

1. To appoint Councillor John Kirkham as the representative to join the project board, oversee the development of the project and report back to the Operational Management Committee on progress on a regular basis.

Information Items

The following information items were received and noted by the committee.

7. Car Parking Annual Report 2019/20

The information item notified members that the Fylde Parking Annual Report 2019/20 had been produced and made public.

8. COVID 19 Pandemic Recovery

The information item provided an outline of the recovery measures in response to the COVID 19 pandemic for the services under the remit of the committee. The Chairman, on behalf of the committee, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Chief Executive, Allan Oldfield, and the officers involved for the work done on the recovery plan. Mr Oldfield updated members on the provision of toilet facilities within the borough and advised that although the current supply should be sufficient there was a contingency plan in place for additional units if required.

Councillor Clayton enquired when the Waste Recycling Centres would be fully operational. Subsequent to the meeting the following information was provided by Lancashire County Council stating that a provisional roadmap

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for the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) which tied in with government timescales for relaxing lockdown, however this was only in draft form at present and needed political approval. Once the plan had been finalised district councils would be informed and communications would be issued confirming the relaxation of the current waste restrictions at Lytham tip.

9. Reports of the Various Outside Bodies

The committee noted the outside body reports from member representatives.

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