



MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 9 January 2020
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Jayne Nixon (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Karen Buckley, Julie Brickles, Sue Fazackerley, Brian Gill, Shirley Green, Gavin Harrison, Roger Small
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Paul Walker, Mark Wilde, Tim Dixon, Lisa Foden, Charlie Richards, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.
Members of the Public:	3 members of the public were in attendance.

Public Platform

There were no requests to speak under the Public Platform arrangements.

Procedural Items

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.

There were no declarations of Interest.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 4 November 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23(c):

Councillor Karen Buckley for Councillor Peter Anthony.

Councillor Julie Brickles for Councillor Brenda Blackshaw.

Councillor Brian Gill for Councillor Tim Armit.

Councillor Sue Fazakerley for Councillor Vince Settle.

Decision Items

4. Budget Setting - Prioritisation of Capital Bids

The Chairman, Councillor Cheryl introduced the report relating to the prioritisation of capital bids for 2020/21 which fell within the Terms of Reference of the Committee. She then went on to invite the relevant officers to present the details of the bids.

In summary, the bids related to the following areas: (i) Improvements to Children's play areas and (ii) Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage.

The specific details/costings associated with each bid were included as an appendix to the report.

Members were invited to comment on the two schemes in turn and determine the associated order of priority.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED: To support the capital bids relevant to the Committee's Terms of Reference (in the order of priority as detailed in Appendix A of the report) for further consideration by the Budget Working Group.

5. Budget Setting - Consideration of Revenue Bid

The Chairman invited Lisa Foden (Parks and Coastal Services Manager) to introduce the report relating to a proposed revenue growth bid for 2020/21 which fell within the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Included as an appendix to the report were details of the proposed revenue growth bid (in the sum of £28,000) which related to an additional resource for Splash Staffing. In brief, the bid sought to achieve the continued annual appointment of two full-time (7 days per week) splash attendants from April to September.

Clarification was sought on the arrangements for supervising the toilet facilities on the site. This was addressed by the relevant officer.

Prior to the vote, the Chairman thanked Ms Foden and the Leader of the Council for the work undertaken with the local residents on the project.

Following consideration of this matter, the committee RESOLVED: to recommend to the Budget Working Group the revenue growth bid as detailed in the report.

6. Budget Setting - Fees and Charges 2020/21

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) introduced the report. In doing so, he advised that each year, as part of the budget-setting process, the schedule of fees and charges for the coming year are reviewed by budget-holders prior to the schedule being considered by the relevant Programme Committee before being approved at the March Budget Council meeting.

The schedule of fees and charges (as detailed in the report) for those activities within the remit of the Tourism and Leisure committee were considered and the Committee RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to Council the proposed schedule of fees and charges applicable for 2020/21; and
2. To note that the final fees and charges for 2020/21 would be approved by the Budget Council in March 2020.

7. Review of Scope of PSPO Controlling Barbeques and Outdoor Cooking

The Chairman invited Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) to introduce the report. In doing so, he explained that the report is a response to a resolution from the last meeting of the Committee that a further report be presented to a subsequent meeting of the Committee detailing the option/feasibility (including the associated risks and potential security issues) of reviewing the scope of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to allow barbecues and outdoor cooking on the beach.

To give some perspective to the matter, an overview of some of the feedback and observations of key staff were set out in the report. The report also highlighted some of the key challenges/implications and risks associated with reviewing the scope of the PSPO to allow barbecues and other forms of outdoor cooking on the beach.

Following detailed consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the observations contained within the report as to the implications of allowing barbecues and other forms of outdoor cooking on the beach at this time and to leave the existing PSPOs in place; and
2. To request that a further review of the effectiveness of the PSPOs is undertaken at the end of the 2021 season and reported to this Committee.

(Councillor Brain Gill requested that his name be recorded as having abstained from voting on this matter)

(Councillor Julie Brickles was not in attendance during the voting of this matter)

8. Fairhaven Lake - Adventure Play Area Project

Charlie Richards, Fairhaven Project Officer introduced the report. The report set out the details of a scheme included in the Council's agreed Capital programme in 2019/2020 for a new Adventure Play Area to be constructed as part of the NLHF (National Lottery Heritage Fund) restoration works at Fairhaven Lake. Members were advised that the Adventure Play Area would replace the existing junior play area and would be located close to the existing junior skate park in line with the site masterplan.

Mr Richards further reported that the opportunity had been tendered as a design competition on the CHEST Procurement Portal; separately from the main NLHF works contract to provide greater value-for-money. The report set out the context and details of the receipt of tenders, tender assessment and made recommendations to proceed with the project through the letting of the contract to complete the work.

Included as appendices to the report were: A copy of the Playdale 3D submission and the Playdale quotation.

Clarification was sought on the ability to deliver the project by the Easter period; the quality of the design and the possible impacts of the discounts offered on the overall design of the project. These were addressed in turn by Mr Richards.

Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve the proposed expenditure in respect to the scheme as outlined in the report. The overall scheme contains a landscape element of £400,000. The Adventure Play Area scheme is included within the overall landscaping element at £80,000.
2. To approve the letting of the contract to Playdale for the sum of £80,000 to carry out the scheme as outlined in this report.

Information Items

The following information items were received by the committee.

9. Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2019/20 - Position as at 30th November 2019

The Committee was provided with an update of the Council's General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30th November 2019 with specific reference to those services under the remit of the Committee.

10. Capital Programme - Position as at 30th November 2019

The Committee was provided with an update on the approved Capital Programme of the Council as at 30th November 2019 with specific reference to those schemes under the remit of the Committee.

Councillor Karen Buckley sought further information on the details of the Coastal Explores Project. Tim Dixon addressed this point.

11. Blue Flag Beach Award

An updated information report was provided to the Committee on the works required to be undertaken/criteria to be met to achieve and retain the Blue Flag Award accreditation for both St Annes North Beach and St Annes Amenity Beach.

Members were advised that given the key requirements, officers would look to prioritise their efforts towards a successful application of a Blue Flag award for St Annes Amenity Beach.

12. YMCA - Kirkham Swimming Pool - Working Group

The information report advised members that further to the recent appointment of the YMCA Kirkham Swimming Pool Working Group, the group had met with representatives from the YMCA on 29 November 2019 in which further information was provided.

In summary, the outcome of the meeting is that Councillor Harrison would in future be invited to the YMCA Leisure Managers meetings as Fylde Council's nominated Outside Bodies representative and additionally to the quarterly operational meetings that officers have with representatives of the YMCA. Upon conclusion of this meeting, the working group was disbanded.

13. Mid-Year Performance 2019/20

The Information Report provided details of the key performance outcomes for the first half of the financial year 2019/20.

The Committee was advised that the figure quoted in PM122 of 501,00 for 2017 should be amended to read 501,000.

14. Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project Update

An updated information report on the Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project with specific reference to the outcome of the tender submissions for the main works contract (Heritage Buildings and Landscapes) was provided to the committee.

15. Reports of the Various Outside Bodies

The reports from members appointed to the various Outside Bodies (within the remit of the committee) were included as appendices to the covering report.

16. The Corporate Plan 2020-2024

A copy of the first draft of the emerging Corporate Plan 2020-2024 was included as an appendix to the covering information report.

The Committee was advised that the final draft of the Corporate Plan would be presented to Full Council on 20th April 2020.

17. Budget setting - Revenue Budget 20/21- First Draft

The first draft of the Revenue Budget for 2020/21 was made available to the committee via the link provided on the covering information report.

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