

Agenda Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:

Thursday, 4 June 2020 at 6:30pm

Venue:

Remote meeting via Zoom

Committee members:

Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Jayne Nixon (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Peter Anthony, Tim Armit, Brenda Blackshaw, Shirley Green, Gavin Harrison, Matthew Lee, Kiran Mulholland, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood, Roger Small.

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DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO	
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	4 JUNE 2020	4	
COVID 19 IMPACT ASSESSMENT & RECOVERY				

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

This is an initial report that provides an overview of the known and potential impact of the COVID 19 lockdown measures on the services and functions within the remit of the Tourism and Leisure Committee. At this stage the information is based on the data available and government policy in place at the time of drafting the report, plans are being made across the council to revise budget forecasts and business plans in response to the changes brought about by the COVID 19 measures. Further reports will be published for the committee over the coming months to provide updates on the impact of COVID 19 measures as the nation moves out of lockdown through a phased approach.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the impact of the COVID 19 measures on functions within remit of the Tourism and Leisure committee are noted and members provide any feedback to support the recovery programme.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	v
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	v
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	v
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	v
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	٧

REPORT

1. The Coronavirus (COVID 19) world pandemic has had an impact on society never experienced before. The necessary measures put in place through national legislation have had a direct impact on every individual and it is expected that the process of returning to some sort of normality, albeit in a different world, will take months if not longer as the world comes to terms with the changes. It is in this context that officers have collated the known and estimated financial and operational impact of the COVID 19 measures on the services within the remit of the Tourism and Leisure Committee.

2. The information included in this report represents the current knowledge based on known factors, such as loss of income to date or operational changes, as well as forecasts from scenario planning. As society moves further away from the lockdown period towards a new norm updates on the impact outlined in this report will be provided along with details of additional impacts yet unknown.

3. PARKS & COASTAL MANAGEMENT

The lockdown measures have had an impact on the Parks and Coastal Services. With the Government regulations only allowing people to go out for exercise once a day, the destination of choice for many people has been their local green space or beach. A reduced workforce of gardeners and rangers have been continuing with green space and coastal inspections and maintenance, to ensure open spaces are kept safe, clean and presentable Operating practices have been adjusted to accommodate social distancing, including cessation of some work, vehicle and depot sharing and group based horticultural tasks. Staff resource has been diverted towards litter control, bin emptying, grass cutting and sports turf management. Floral displays on parks and within civic areas have been significantly reduced as it is not currently viable to take delivery of plants and plant the floral displays. National 'In bloom' and Green Flag Award schemes have been cancelled by the programme administrator. Some operational staff from the parks and coastal services have been temporarily redeployed to assist in delivering essential front line services such as Bereavement Services and Waste Management.

4. CHILDRENS PLAY AREAS

Fylde Council has kept all green spaces and beaches open and accessible to the public, except children's play areas, sporting and recreational facilities on Government instruction. These areas were locked on the 23rd/24th March, and remain closed at the writing of this report. Closures were undertaken in partnership with Town and Parish Councils, advertised on social media and through on-site signage. The new 'Splash' play facility on the Promenade has also remained closed, but the Splash water system has been regularly operated to avoid system failures on reopening.

5. PATROLS AND INSPECTIONS

The service has seen a distinct increase in crime and antisocial behaviour on green spaces. CSP Security who have primarily been commissioned to undertake the BBQ PSPO enforcement, have received a broader remit and have worked alongside the police and coast guard to undertake daily patrols and security checks, educate members of the public on social distancing and preventing unauthorised use of closed facilities.

6. EXTERNAL CONTRACTS

Notable pressures for the Parks Service have included the continuation and safe delivery of large scale grounds maintenance contracts and the need for renegotiation of priorities with clients, in line with government guidance. Officers are working with clients to minimise any financial impact on contract delivery, working to the '*Force Majeure*' clause in the larger contracts.

7. FURTHER OPERATIONAL MOBILISATION

Starting with the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday 10th May, there has been a renewed emphasis on employers making changes necessary to allow workers who cannot work from home to to return safely to their place of work. At the time of writing this report, the parks and coastal services management team are actively working with staff and unions to get all operational staff back to work safely and promptly however, the service will still be impacted as a result of social distancing measures for the remainder of the 20/21 financial year and possibly even longer. There have been no additional costs highlighted for the parks and coastal services at this time, but the potential loss of income associated with external contracts has still to be established.

8. FAIRHAVEN NLHF PROJECT

At the time of writing this report, officers are not aware of any additional costs that have been incurred on the Fairhaven NLHF project. The project is near completion of the re-design and costing phase, which has been undertaken remotely by the appointed consultantancy team. There has been a slippage of approximately 3 weeks to the project timetable, due to remote working productivity of the design team; however, this should not cause a 'critical path' delay to the project as there is the available 'float' within the

project programme to accommodate this slight delay. Looking ahead to the proposed tendering and construction phases, it is difficult to predict whether the pandemic will impact on tender prices. There may be cost data available to give opportunity to quantify any additional costs.

9. FAIRHAVEN PLAY AREA PROJECT

The Adventure Play Area was due to be completed by the end of March 2020. Construction material shortages caused a delay to progress and one sub-contractor furloughed most of their workforce which has caused a delay in the laying of the safety surfacing. At the time of writing this report the project has not been completed, inspected and practical completion certificate issued. Given the latest government guidelines issued on 10th May 2020, it is expected that the facility will now be completed at the end of May. However, the play area will remain closed to the public dependant on Government guidelines relating to temporary closure of childrens play facilities.

10. FAIRHAVEN ADVENTURE GOLF PROJECT

The construction of the Adventure Golf course was due to start on site on 30th March 2020, however a mutual decision was taken between the appointed contractor (Greenspan Projects) and Fylde Council to defer a start on site indefinitely and in accordance with the lockdown measures imposed by the Government. The contract is on a fixed price basis and officers are currently not aware of any potential variation costs associated with the decision to defer site possession to the contractor. The project retains a healthy contingency pot to deal with any minor unforeseen costs which could arise from COVID 19 impacts on the project. The only highlighted project risk identified at this point is the potential of a second wave of Covid19. At the time of writing this report Greenspan plan to start on site on Tuesday 26th May 2020. The likely completion for the golf course will be early September 2020. This will cause an estimated net loss of around £20,000 - £30,000 of income.

11. EVENTS

Government restrictions on public mass gatherings and fears over safety have seen the 2020 events schedule for Fylde decimated. To date, there have been 21 notified event cancellations, including the Lytham Festival and all Club / Gala / Carnival days. Bunting will not be required this year saving the Council £10,000. The income to the Council from Lytham Festival calculated by a formula on tickets sold, was estimated to be in the region of £60,000. The eleventh annual Lytham 1940s Wartime Weekend due to take place 15/16 August has been cancelled with a net saving of £17,000 and the William Rainford Golf event scheduled for July has been cancelled after discussions with the four participating golf clubs. The expenditure for this event is covered by the income, therefore giving a net nil financial impact. The events programme at Fairhaven Lake is subject to ongoing review with the cancellation of all 2020 events to date. At the time of writing this report, the St Anne's International Kite Festival is scheduled to take place in mid September, but will be subject to a forthcoming review based on latest government guidance. If it is deemed safe to proceed it will likely be a scaled down event.

12. EVENT VENUES

Lowther Pavilion has closed to the public leading to the cessation of the scheduled event programme including live entertainment and the cinema programme, although the venue is now advertising newly programmed entertainment for October 2020. The on-site café has closed. Lytham Hall has closed to the public with no access to the grounds, the Hall and café. The events programme has been cancelled, although the 'Lytham Proms' event in partnership with Cuffe and Taylor for August 29th is still scheduled with tickets on sale. The Lytham Heritage Centre and Lytham Windmill are both closed to the public. The Tourist Information desk at Lytham Windmill, the service at the Town Hall and the seasonal mobile information unit are all closed.

13. TOURISM SECTOR

The Tourism sector has been hard hit with the forced closure of tourist accommodation across Fylde, plus the food and drink sector and tourist attractions. The government message; 'Stay at Home, Save Lives and Protect the NHS' has meant that busy tourist destinations are quiet with mostly residents taking scheduled daily exercise. Many businesses from the sector who are mainly SME's, have applied for business support grants. Direct feedback from businesses and Marketing Lancashire (the county's Destination Marketing

Organisation) cite cashflow issues, given the seasonal nature of the industry. Some food and drink businesses have diversified into offering online ordering and take away service as a temporary measure. It remains to be seen how many will survive this unprecedented challenge.

14. SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES

The YMCA have closed their facilities across the Fylde coast (both in Wyre and Fylde), including Kirkham and St Anne's Pools which the Council support financially, through an annual grant/contract payment respectively. The YMCA have asked for additional financial assistance from Fylde Council to enable service sustainability. A separate report to the Tourism and Leisure Committee outlines the details of this request. Leisure facilities including the St Anne's Mini Links have closed (£2,800 per month income loss), bowling (£1,000 per month pro rata income loss). The Fairhaven boat service and tennis courts have been closed with an estimated loss of revenue of £10,000 per month during the April to September period. The football pitches at Blackpool Road North and Park View, as well as the Hewitt Lecture Rooms in Lytham are closed.

15. ARTS SERVICE

The work towards accreditation for the Art Collection with Arts Council England (ACE) continues despite COVID 19 restrictions with the ongoing preparation of the suite of documents for an initial submission in the summer. However, it has not been possible to hold tours of the Collection at the Town Hall which were planned to be introduced following the T&L Committee meeting in March 2020 but the weekly condition checks of the collection have been taking place by the Collections Officer including the storage facilities to ensure all management criteria are being met. The preparation work towards the application for funding for Coastal Explorers to the Big Lottery carries on although delays with this funding body could push the project back a year. Further arts driven events through 'Spot On' Lancashire have been put on hold for the present time.

16. Social distancing measures implemented as part of phased return to work is expected to have an impact on operations across the council for the remainder of the 20/21 financial year and possibly even longer. The Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and service delivery plans will be reviewed to take account of the financial and operational impact of COVID 19. The first revision of the MTFS will be published in September.

IMPLICATIONS		
Finance	This report provides an initial estimate of the financial impact to the Council of the Covid-19 lockdown measures. The figures included in this report are initial estimates based on the budget for the current year, previous known income and confirmed costs. These estimates are subject to change as the situation develops. In due course an updated Financial Forecast will provide a more accurate assessment of income loss and additional costs.	
Legal	In common with all service areas, services within the remit of the committee have sought to comply with all applicable government guidance and advice as well as mandatory legislative requirements.	
Community Safety	Social distancing measures will be in place for the foreseeable period and have impact on service delivery	
Human Rights and Equalities	None from this report	
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None from this report	
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None from this report	

LEAD AUTHOR	CONTACT DETAILS	DATE
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BACKGROUND PAPERS			
Name of document Date Where available for inspection			
COVID 19 Lockdown	March – May	https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIIKCymb-	
Measures	2020	f6QIVNoBQBh0WqQCiEAAYASAAEgIbR_D_BwE	



DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO	
MANAGEMENT TEAM	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	4 JUNE 2020	5	
CONSIDERATION OF REVENUE BID				

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

At the March 2020 Budget Council meeting Members approved a revenue budget for 2020/21. Since that budget was set the COVID-19 lockdown measures introduced by the government has impacted on several services and functions the council delivers.

This report contains an in-year revenue growth bid for 2020/21 relating to a service which fall within the terms of reference of this Committee.

The Committee is asked to consider the request for financial assistance of £100,000 to Fylde Coast YMCA and recommend approval to ensure the delivery of leisure facilities at St Annes and Kirkham as part of the recovery of the impacts of the COVID-19 lockdown, as detailed in the attached bid. The recommendation of the committee will then be considered by the Finance and Democracy Committee at its meeting of 22 June 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested:

- 1. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of an unfunded addition to the Revenue Budget in 2020/21 in the sum of £100,000; and
- 2. To note that the Council is to receive an un-ringfenced central government revenue grant to help respond to coronavirus (COVID-19) pressures across all services, the latest notified allocation being in the total sum of £837,772.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Tourism & Leisure Committee – 6 June 2019

YMCA - Kirkham Swimming Pool - Renewal of Service Level Agreement Including new Subsidy Request

1. To approve the proposed renewal of the Service Level Agreement with the YMCA in respect of the operation of Kirkham Baths for a period of a further 5 years effective from 1st April 2019.

2. To appoint a working group that will seek additional information about the service delivery and continuing operation of Kirkham Pool and inform a report to the T&L Committee regarding the future support of the council to the YMCA in the delivery of services at Kirkham Pool.

3. That the above working group comprise the following members: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Councillors Tim Armit, Gavin Harrison and Elaine Silverwood.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	V
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	V
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	V
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	V
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	٧

REPORT

- 1. All programme committees are considering reports which set out the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown measures introduced by the government on services and functions which the council delivers. Some impacts have negatively affected income which will need to be reflected as part of future updates to the medium-term financial strategy.
- 2. This report addresses the costs which are likely to be incurred by the Fylde Coast YMCA relating to the reopening and operation of leisure facilities once the lockdown measures are relaxed. The YMCA has asked for financial assistance in order to ensure continued service of leisure facilities for Fylde residents.
- 3. The Committee is asked to note that the Council is to receive an un-ringfenced central government grant to help respond to coronavirus (COVID-19) pressures across all services, the latest notified allocation being in the total sum of £837,772.
- 4. This request has been considered by the Budget Working Group which supports this request. The recommendation after consideration of this report by the Tourism and Leisure Committee will be reported to Finance and Democracy Committee.

IMPLICATIONS		
Finance	This report requests that Members recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of an unfunded addition to the Revenue Budget in 2020/21, in the sum of £100,000, to provide financial assistance to Fylde Coast YMCA to help offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 lockdown period.	
Legal	No implications arising from this report.	
Community Safety	No implications arising from this report.	
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications arising from this report.	
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising from this report.	
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising from this report.	

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Tourism & Leisure Committee - YMCA - Kirkham Swimming Pool - Renewal of Service Level Agreement Including new Subsidy Request	Date: 6 June 2019	www.fylde.gov.uk

Attached document

Appendix A – Revenue Growth Bid 2020/21: Additional Resource for Fylde Coast YMCA as a result of COVID-19



Prepared by/Bid Originator – Paul Walker

Appendix 1: Additional Resource for Fylde Coast YMCA as a result of the impact of COVID-19.

Description of Scheme:

1. Background

Fylde Council supports the operations of the Fylde Coast YMCA in providing pool and leisure facilities over the following centres:

- St Annes pool and gym The facility is owned by Fylde Council. The council let a 12-year leisure contract with accompanying building lease to the YMCA from 1st September 2010. The approved revenue budget for 2020/21 includes provision for a contract subsidy payment to the YMCA in respect of the operation of St Annes pool/gym in the sum of £135,436 per annum.
- Kirkham Rural Splash The facility has been transferred from Fylde Council to the YMCA. There is a Service Level Agreement with the YMCA in respect of the operation of the facility for a period of 5 years effective from 1st April 2019. The approved revenue budget for 2020/21 includes provision for a subsidy payment to the YMCA in respect of the operation of Kirkham Rural Splash in the sum of £40,802 per annum.

2. Impact of COViD-19

On Friday 20 March 2020, the Government announced the temporary closure of all gyms and leisure centres (along with pubs, clubs, restaurants, cafes) as part of its COVID-19 response to stop the spread of infection. This included and affected all the YMCA Fylde Coast Health and Fitness Centres.

These measures will significantly impact on the finances of the YMCA in the short to medium term. The YMCA has taken advantage of the Government's job retention scheme which pays 80% of the wages of staff. It has also benefitted from a retail, hospitality and leisure grant of £25,000 for Kirkham Rural Splash. St Annes pool and gym has a rateable value of over £51,000 so does not qualify for such a grant. Leisure trusts such as the YMCA are not eligible for the Government's £750 million for frontline charities, as they are not deemed 'small' nor 'delivering frontline services'

3. Why intervene?

The Local Government Association has recently published guidance entitled, <u>'Options for councils in</u> <u>supporting leisure providers through COVID-19</u>'. The guidance recognises that leisure providers are currently falling between the cracks of most announced support packages. Leisure trusts are most at risk because they are charities, societies or community interest companies (with a public benefit asset lock) and as such do not distribute profits. Currently leisure providers are exempt from most COVID-19 emergency support funding.

The guidance goes on to state that 'if the leisure sector is not sustained through this crisis, the remobilisation of public leisure provision will be significantly affected, with facilities unable to open and clubs and voluntary organisations unable to re-start activities for communities. There will be additional costs to the public purse through re-procurement, TUPE¹ing staff, or establishing new delivery mechanisms whilst facilities remain closed for longer periods. There will be an impact on the social and health benefits to communities at a time when these will be most needed.'

¹ <u>The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006</u>

4. What assistance is requested?

The financial projections for both St Annes Pool & Kirkham have been submitted by the YMCA based on a 3-month closure period from the start of April to the end of June. However latest indications are that it may be around late August before the government lifts the restrictions on the operation of gyms and leisure facilities. Even then there will need to be social distancing measures in place which will likely add cost and impact on revenue.

An overall income reduction of 60% over the year 2020/21 is likely to be the outcome based on latest projections, with St Annes Pool projected to have a deficit of £-107,242 and Kirkham £-117,015, a total of £-224,257. This is calculated on the basis of a minimum of 3-month closure period with patronage gradually returning to pre closure levels over several following months. When combined with other losses incurred by the YMCA over the same period, these losses are not sustainable. The YMCA has requested a contribution to support this deficit in the sum of £113,000*.

*This figure has reduced to a request for £100,000 after receiving a grant and if the losses are less funds will be refunded.

Every effort is being made to identify other sources of financial grant assistance.

If the council is minded to support the request from the YMCA, a grant of £100,000 is recommended.

5. Summary of revenue costs

Summary of revenue costs

£100,000



INFORMATION ITEM

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RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	4 JUNE 2020	6	
REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS OUTSIDE BODIES				

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 15 July 2019, Council made a number of appointments to outside bodies. These appointments followed from recommendations from the programme committees for appointments from within their respective memberships.

Nominations and appointments for the 2020/2021 municipal year have been delayed due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Regulations passed by central government as a result of the Coronavirus (Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) allowed local authorities to extend current appointments for an additional year until 2021, therefore all appointments made in 2019/20 remain in place throughout 2020/21.

In line with the Protocol for Members on Outside Bodies (Part 5f of the Council's Constitution), every member serving on an outside body is required to complete a reporting form every six months, which is submitted to the relevant programme committee to which the external partnership relates. Members last reported in January 2020.

Included as an appendix to this report are: returned completed reporting forms and a list of outstanding reports/ details of those bodies which have not met.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Elected member representatives to the Outside Bodies

INFORMATION ATTACHED

Outside Bodies Reports and Summary

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

The information is provided to maintain an understanding of the work of the outside bodies, and remain abreast of any issues that may have an impact on the residents of the borough or the council.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Tracy Manning, Director of Resources – <u>tracy.manning@fylde.gov.uk</u>

Tourism & Leisure Committee, 4/6/20 meeting		
Arts Partnership for Fylde	Jayne Nixon	Nil return, no meeting
Arts Working Group	Vince Settle	Nil return, no meeting
Fairhaven Lake & Gardens Restoration Project Board	Cheryl Little	Report attached
Fylde Arts Association	Jayne Nixon	Nil return, no meeting
Fylde Coast YMCA Partnership Board	Gavin Harrison	Nothing of consequence to
		report
Lowther Trust	Roger Small	Nil return, no meeting
Lytham Hall Partnership	Shirley Green	Nil return, no meeting
Lytham Town Trust	Ray Thomas	Report attached
St Georges Day Festival Committee	Cheryl Little	Nil return, no meeting

Information

Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body (for example, Observer, Trustee, Director):-**Councillor Cheryl Little** Email cllr.clittle@fylde.gov.uk Period this report covers (date) Jan - May 2020 Name of Outside Body HLF Fairhaven How often does the organisation meet? Three monthly How often have you attended? all What are the key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council Overseeing the progress Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget setting, challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council? Paul Walker/Leadership Board In the light of these meetings, is it worthwhile for the Council to continue to have a representative/representatives on this body? YES Any further comments?

Regular updates are provided to the group and to the committee on progress of the project.

Outside Bodies - Member Reporting Form

Details

Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body

Cllr. Raymond Thomas - for Fylde Borough Council – Representative.

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Period this report covers (date):- Jan 2020- April 2020

Name of Outside Body:- Lytham Town Trust

How often does the organisation meet? And how often have you attended?:-

Every Quarter – Attended the two Meetings. Last one Virtual

Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council:-

Lytham Hall and the Assembly Rooms , Lytham – their Management and Use.

Lytham Hall: On going work continued with restoration, electrical and drainage surveys, including good progress to raise funding for the 1km main drive to the Hall. The Friends of Lytham Hall continue to donate to refurbishment. Upgrade of software for the office computers has also taken place.

Assembly Rooms : Due to the Pandemic – the normal events and use of the new Library and communal area and Ribble Room through March has been curtailed in accordance with Government guidance being a charitable trust. Previous to this the Library was operating successfully, and the automatically opening door for the disabled at the rear has been installed

Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council?:-

T and L Chair.

In the light of these meetings, is it worthwhile for the Council to continue to have a representative/representatives on this body?:-

Yes – absolutely.

Any further comments?:- No