



MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 4 June 2020
Venue:	Remote Meeting Via Zoom.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Jayne Nixon (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Peter Anthony, Tim Armit, Brenda Blackshaw, Sue Fazackerley, Shirley Green, Gavin Harrison, Matthew Lee, Kiran Mulholland, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood,
Other Members Present:	Councillors Mark Bamforth, Karen Buckley, David O'Rourke
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Ian Curtis, Mark Wilde, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.
Members of the Public:	1 member of the public was 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.

Councillor Peter Anthony declared a personal interest in Item 4 on the agenda in so far as it related to Lytham Hall, Lytham.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 12 March 2020 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitution was reported under Council procedure rule 23(c):

Councillor Sue Fazackerley for Councillor Roger Small.

Decision Items

4. COVID 19 Impact Assessment & Recovery

The Chairman introduced the report and in doing so, stated that a similar report would be considered by the other committees of the Council. The report provided 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.

Further to the above, Mr Walker advised that the information was based on the data available and government policy in place at the time the report was written. He added that plans were being made across the Council to revise budget forecasts and business plans in response to the changes brought about by the COVID 19 measures.

Members were advised that further updated reports would be provided to the committee at future meetings on the impact of COVID 19 measures as the nation moves out of lockdown through a phased approach.

In summary, the report provided an update on the impact of the pandemic on the following areas: parks and coastal management; children's play areas; patrols and inspections; external contracts; operational mobilisation; Fairhaven NLHF project; Fairhaven Adventure Play area project; Fairhaven Adventure Golf project; events and events venues; tourism sector; sports and leisure facilities and the arts service.

Following the presentation, members sought clarification on various aspects of the report including: the operation and use of Fylde's CCTV vehicle/camera; issues associated with the increase in the number of BBQs in the area and effective enforcement including the implementation/review of the current policy; patrols and inspections arrangements; policing of parking/improved parking signage; enhanced communication/reporting arrangements to the public during the pandemic; matters relating to the golf project and business support generally offered by the Council. These were addressed in turn by Mr Walker and Mr Wilde as appropriate.

Mr Walker gave an undertaking to provide the Committee (via email) with an update on some of the issues outlined at the meeting.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED: to note the impact of the COVID 19 measures on functions within remit of the Tourism and Leisure Committee.

5. Consideration of a Revenue Bid

The Chairman invited Paul Walker, Director of Development Services to introduce the report. In doing so, he advised that at the March 2020 Budget Council meeting, Members approved a revenue budget for 2020/21. He added that since that budget was set, the COVID-19 lockdown measures introduced by the government had impacted on several services and functions that the council delivers.

This report circulated with the agenda contained an in-year revenue growth bid for 2020/21 relating to a service which fell within the terms of reference of the Committee. In summary, the Committee was 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.

A copy of the bid was included as an appendix to the report.

Clarification was sought as to whether the funding would be ringfenced to both Kirkham and St Annes pools and not the wider leisure elements. Mr Walker confirmed this to be the case.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

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.

Information Items

The following information item was received by the committee.

6. Reports of the Various Outside Bodies

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

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