

MINUTES

Environment, Health and Housing Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 29 March 2022
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Tommy Threlfall (Chairman) Councillor Chris Dixon (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Ben Aitken, Frank Andrews, Paula Brearley, Will Harris, Karen Henshaw JP, Roger Lloyd, Sally Nash-Walker, Bobby Rigby
Other Councillors Present:	Councillor Karen Buckley - Leader of the Council
Officers Present:	Tracy Manning, Darren Bell, Andrew Loynd, Edyta Paxton and Hannah Kirk

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.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee meeting held on 4 January 2022 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members on this occasion.

Presentation

4. Presentation from HM Coastguard

The Chairman advised that this item had been withdrawn.

Decision Items

5. Hydration Points - Phase 1

Andrew Loynd, Technical Support Manager, was invited to introduce the item on public hydration points, which was a capital scheme approved by the committee before the Covid-19 pandemic. The scheme would see the installation of 6 initial hydration points for a trial period, with a view to potentially increase the number of units, subject to the success of the project.

A list of potential locations for the hydration points was presented to the committee, with an indication of whether wall-mounted or freestanding units would be installed. Mr. Loynd advised that the locations chosen were in popular areas with a pre-existing water supply. It was further advised that a wall-mounted unit cost £740 per unit, and a freestanding unit cost £1,850, with the initial 6 sites comprising of 4 wall-mounted and 2 freestanding units. It was

highlighted that the units would be procured directly from the supplier, with Danfo Ltd to maintain them.

The 6 initial sites proposed for the trial were:

- St Annes Promenade - Monument WCs - wall-mounted
- St Annes Square and Ashton Gardens - Ashton Pavilion WCs - wall-mounted
- Fairhaven Lake - near to the RSPB centre - freestanding
- Lytham - Lytham Green by Bath St car park/RNLI shop - freestanding
- Lytham - Lowther Gardens WCs - wall-mounted
- Kirkham - Market Sq WCs - wall-mounted

Questions were raised with regards to procuring a multifaceted unit, which included a pet drinking facility at the base. Mr. Loynd advised that similar units had been considered, but there was a substantially higher cost per unit.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to approve £13,500 of capital expenditure in 2022/23 to install 6 hydration points at the locations detailed within the report from the existing approved 2021/22 Capital Programme budget of £60,000.

6. Holiday, Activity and Food Programme (HAF) - Update

Edyta Paxton, Health and Wellbeing Officer, was invited to present an update on the Holiday, Activity and Food Programme (HAF) that began in 2021. She highlighted to members that the scheme was part of the government's commitment to tackling child hunger, by way of delivering a school holiday programme of physical and enrichment activities, along with a healthy meal, for children in receipt of school meals or those identified by the schools.

Fylde Council had received an indicative budget allocation of £160,216 to fund the delivery of the scheme over the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays. Mrs. Paxton advised that they had been working closely with local schools for the duration of the project, and it had been an overall success in 2021, despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Christmas programme.

Tracy Manning, Director of Resources, highlighted that receipt of the funding was expected in April. However, the Easter break preceded the next scheduled meeting of the Finance and Democracy Committee at which the request for the approval of the funding would be heard. Mrs. Manning advised that urgent power procedures would need to be engaged with the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee and the Leader of the Council, to enable to expenditure prior to the meeting of the committee.

The Chairman extended his thanks from the Chair for her continued hard work on the project.

It was RESOLVED:

1. That the committee support the ongoing delivery of the HAF project;
2. That the committee request that the Finance and Democracy Committee approve a fully funded revenue budget increase of £160,216 to fund the delivery of the HAF programme in Fylde in 2022; and
3. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee, together with the Leader of the Council, be invited to give their consent to use urgent power procedures to authorise any expenditure being incurred, in anticipation of both the funding being received, and in terms of the Easter break provision, which precedes the next scheduled date of the Finance and Democracy Committee (23 June 2022).

7. Nominations for Outside Bodies/Working Groups

Appointments to Outside Bodies are made at Full Council following recommendations from the various programme committees.

It was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to Council that the appointments to the outside bodies, within the remit of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee, with the addition of BAE Coordination ie;
Children's Partnership Board - Councillor Will Harris;
Community Safety Partnership - Councillor Tommy Threlfall;

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Council for Voluntary Services, BWF - Councillor Michelle Morris;
East Lytham Working Group - Councillor Roger Lloyd;
YMCA Housing (Face to Face) - Councillor Viv Willder;
Fylde & Wyre Health & Wellbeing Partnership - Councillor Viv Willder;
Fylde Citizens Advice Bureau - Councillors Linda Nulty, John Singleton and Noreen Griffiths;
Fylde Coast LGBT Strategic Partnership - Councillor Shirley Green;
Fylde Coast Women's Aid - Councillor Viv Willder;
Fylde Peninsular Water Management Group - Councillor Tommy Threlfall
Just Good Friends - Councillor Karen Henshaw;
Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board - Councillor Viv Willder;
LCC Health Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Viv Willder;
Local Liaison Committee Springfield Works - Councillors Tommy Threlfall and Roger Lloyd;
BAE Coordination - Councillor Tommy Threlfall
MATAC - Councillor Roger Lloyd;
One Fylde - Councillor Angela Jacques;
Police Crime Commissioner Panel - Councillors Tommy Threlfall and Frank Andrews;
Registered Providers Partnership - Councillor Jayne Nixon.

2. To confirm the membership to any working that relate to the terms of reference of the committee as being;

Carbon Neutral Working Group - Councillors Tommy Threlfall, Noreen Griffiths and Karen Henshaw (plus 4 representatives from Operational Management and 2 representatives from Planning).

Flooding and Surface Water Management - Councillors Tommy Threlfall, Roger Lloyd, John Singleton, Chris Dixon, Peter Anthony and Kiran Mulholland.
3. To note the reports from members currently serving on Outside Bodies.

Information Items

8. Age UK Lancashire - Mid Year Report

Mrs. Manning advised that as part of a Service Level Agreement, Age UK received a £12,000 grant from Fylde Council and provided an annual update report to committee each year. The committee noted the mid-year report from Age UK.

9. St Annes Bathing Waters 2021

The committee received an update of the water quality at the two St Annes bathing waters. Darren Bell, Head of Technical Services, advised that St Annes North had been deemed 'sufficient' quality for the previous 3 years, with Fylde Council and the Environment Agency (EA) sharing concerns with regards to the lack of improvement. Mr. Bell further advised that testing was being done on the waters, including the impacts from farmland runoff and DNA testing to highlight what pollutants were found in the water. Mr. Bell informed the committee that United Utilities were planning a series of roadshows in the summer and advised that it would be beneficial for members of the committee to attend.

Following discussion, Mr. Bell confirmed that he would liaise with EA and UU together and bring a report back to the next meeting of the committee in June with further updates.

10. Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) - Update

The committee received an update on the expenditure, until the end of February 2022, on the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF). It was highlighted that the government had advised that any underspend could be rolled forward to 2022/23. Mrs. Manning advised that as of 1st March 2022, there was over £225,000 left in the fund to support projects throughout the upcoming municipal year.

11. Lancashire Public Health Annual Report 2021-22

The committee noted the Lancashire Public Health Annual Report for 2021-22. At this juncture, Mrs. Manning advised that following a discussion with the Chairman, Dr. Sakthi Karunanithi, the Director of Public Health at Lancashire County Council had been invited to attend a future meeting of the committee.

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