



MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date:	Tuesday 11 September 2018
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Roger Small (Chairman) Councillor Sandra Pitman (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, Tony Ford JP, Richard Fradley, Paul Hodgson, John Kirkham, Jayne Nixon, Thomas Threlfall.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillor Karen Buckley.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Darren Bell, Mike Pomfret, Andrew Loynd, Sharon Wadsworth.
Other Attendees:	One member of the public was in attendance during the course of the meeting.

Public Platform

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

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. No declarations of interest were declared on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 25 June 2018 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 22(c):

Councillor Tony Ford JP as substitute for Councillor Karen Henshaw JP.

Decision Items

4. Granny's Bay Coastal Defence

Mike Pomfret, Project Manager, presented a brief presentation on the current coast protection works and the proposals at Granny's Bay. A successful funding application to the Environment Agency (EA) secured a £2m grant towards the coastal defence works. Mr. Pomfret highlighted it was anticipated that the new grant would be sufficient to at least undertake the stepped revetment works of the Granny's Bay scheme and that the proposed promenade would potentially be funded from any unused risk contingency funds. In the event that funds were not available from the risk contingency then soft landscaping would be reinstated in a semi-permanent state and the construction of a promenade could be subject to a separate project when funding became available.

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Questions were received from members regarding the detail and timescale of the scheme. These were answered in turn by Mr. Pomfret.

The Operational Management Committee unanimously RESOLVED:

1. That the committee recommend to Council an increase in the Fairhaven and Church Scar Coast Protection Scheme within the approved Capital Programme from £19.83m to £21.83m (£1min 2019/20 and £1m in 2020/21) following confirmation of the additional £2m capital grant from the Environment Agency in respect of the Granny's Bay works.
2. To approve the expenditure on the Granny's Bay project as detailed within the report.

5. Town Hall Car Park

Andrew Loynd, Technical Support Manager, introduced a report in relation to the final phase of the accommodation project to improve the external environment of the Town Hall, including the car park.

A capital budget of £30,000 each year is allocated to the Operational Management Committee for improvements to car parks. In recent years the budget had been utilised to resurface a number of car parks and replace pay and display machines. As it had been envisaged that this budget would be required to contribute towards the total cost of phase 8 of the Town Hall Accommodation Project the 2017/18 budget was unspent and re-phased to 2018/19. The current capital programme therefore included a sum of £60,000 in respect of car park improvements.

The design of the car park and external works would be presented to the Finance and Democracy Committee on 24th September 2018 for approval. An undertaking was given to provide members with the design of the car park when available.

It was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to the Finance & Democracy Committee approval to the virement of £60,000 from the Car Park Improvement capital scheme to the Accommodation Project - Phase 8: Car Park & External Works - scheme (which falls within the remit of the Finance and Democracy Committee) as a contribution to the total cost of Phase 8 of the Accommodation Project which would include re-configuring the car park layout and resurfacing.

Information Items

6. Fairhaven to Church Scar Coast Defence Works

The information report provided Members with an update on the progress of the Scheme to date. Mr. Pomfret mentioned that the new rock islands for the displaced migrating birds were proving to be a great success and that there was always the option of keeping the islands insitu on completion of the project, following consultation with relevant stakeholders such as Natural England, if the Council so requested.

Councillor Threlfall was pleased to report that the coffee mornings held by the contractors VBA were growing in popularity and information on the coastal defence scheme was being well received.

At the conclusion of Item 6 the Chairman asked the committee if they would be interested in a site visit to see the progress to date on the defence works. The committee unanimously supported the request and a site visit would be arranged by Darren Bell, Head of Technical Services .

7. Outside Bodies

In accordance with the Protocol for Members on Outside Bodies, reports from members representing the council on the various outside bodies (within the remit of the committee) were circulated with the agenda for information purposes. The Chairman, Councillor Small, thanked the members for the completion of their report forms.

8. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2018/19 – Position as at 31 July 2018

The information report provided an update of the Council's General Fund (GF) Revenue Budget as at 31st July 2018 and specifically for those areas under the Committee's remit.

9. General Programme Monitoring Report 2018/19 – Position as at 31 July 2018

This information report provided an update of the Council's approved Capital Programme as at 31st July 2018 with specific reference to those schemes under the Committee's remit.

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