

# **MINUTES**

# **Operational Management Committee**

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 December 2019

**Venue:** Town Hall, St Annes.

Committee Members Councillor Roger Small (Chairman)

Present: Councillor Tommy Threlfall (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mark Bamforth (via remote access), Alan Clayton, Chris Dixon, John

Kirkham and David O'Rourke.

Other Councillors Present: | Councillors Karen Buckley and Michelle Morris

Officers Present: Allan Oldfield, Paul Walker, Darren Bell, Katharine McDonnell and Ross McKelvie.

### **Public Platform**

There were no speakers on this occasion.

#### 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 interests were declared on this occasion.

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 12 November 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

#### 3. Substitute Members

No substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23 (c):

## **Decision Items**

#### 4. Fairhaven and Church Scar Public Realm Works

Paul Walker, Director of Development Services, thanked the committee members for attending the special meeting so close to Christmas. He advised that with a tightly timed project schedule it was not always possible to bring decisions to committee at one of the scheduled meetings. He further advised as the item before committee for consideration was time critical, it could not wait for a scheduled meeting.

Darren Bell, Head of Technical Services presented the report to committee. He advised that Fairhaven and Church Scar Coastal Defence Scheme, including Granny's Bay, was nearing a conclusion, being six months ahead of schedule and on budget. He advised that the report before members was for the car park and public realm works timed to tie into the conclusion of the coastal defence scheme.

In regard to the entrance of Stanner Bank car park, Mr Bell referred the committee to the outline design, as shown in Appendix A of the report. He advised the car park entrance was not part of the core coastal defence

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scheme, but it needed to be delivered at the same time the coastal defence scheme came to an end. He stressed that the design was indicative only. If committee were minded to approve the fully funded budget increase, the designs would be finalised and the entrance constructed by VBA, within the quote of £303,000. The car park scheme would also include the car park barrier and associated pay stations. Mr Bell advised that the quote had been analysed and verified by a quantity surveyor and confirmed as market rate. He advised that the car park scheme had a three-and-a-half-week implication on the overall timeframe of the scheme.

In regard to the public realm works, he advised that the Project Board had chosen to include benches, which were different to the original. The new benches would be more in-keeping with the scale of the project. The seating areas at Church Scar and Fairhaven would be set back from the promenade, which would allow for more flexible usage of the space.

Mr Bell advised that a quote had been received from Mollingtons Limited for the seat indents at both Fairhaven and Church Scar. Mr Bell further advised that Mollingtons were sub-contractors to VBA and had completed the majority of the exposed aggregate work on the coastal defence scheme. In agreeing to award the contract to Mollingtons Limited, the committee would be asked to waive the contract procedure rules. Mr Bell advised that in awarding to a known subcontractor of the main contractor, where a proven working relationship existed, it removed the potential difficulties of managing two main contractors on the same site.

The committee in discussing the report, asked a number of questions. In response Mr Bell advised that a quote had been received from Mollingtons but was still being analysed. He further advised that it was close to the quote received and would be met from within existing resources.

Mr Walker, in response to further questions, advised that the detailed design for the car park would include the barrier scheme, which had already been approved by Council, as part of the capital programme. He also advised that local authorities were currently not permitted to use ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) technology for parking enforcement purposes.

With no further debate, the Committee RESOLVED:

- To recommend to Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a fully-funded budget increase in respect of the Fairhaven and Church Scar Coast Public Realm Works Scheme with the existing approved Capital Programme for 2019/20 in the sum of £115,000, to be met in full from the available revenue funding for Coast Protection Repairs and Maintenance in the total sum of £82,000 (£32,000 in 2019/20 and £50,000 in 2020/21), together with a virements in the sum of £33,000 from the Fairhaven and Church Scar Coast Protection Capital Scheme;
- 2. Subject to 1 above, approve the commencement of the proposed public realm works to Church Scar and Fairhaven Promenade and the entrance to Stanner Bank car park as detailed in Table 3 of in the sum of £525,000, with the works being funded from the approved Fairhaven and Church Scar Public Realm budget and the Stanner Bank car park scheme which are both with the Council's approved capital programme for 2019/20 to a combined value of £410,000, with the remaining £115,000 being funded as set out in 1 above;
- 3. Approve the drawdown of £375,000 of the total funding for the Fairhaven and Church Scar Coast Protection Public Realm Scheme and £50,000 of the total funding for the Stanner Bank car park barrier scheme (both projects are in the 2019/20 approved capital programme) with drawdown of £100,000 for the Fairhaven and Church Scar Coast Protection Public Realm Scheme having been previously approved by this committee in November 2018;
- 4. Note the procurement approach proposed to deliver the various public realm elements as detailed in sections 8-16 of this report and Authorise the engagement of VBA Ltd to design and construct the entrance to Stanner Bank car park at a price of £303,000; and
- 5. Authorise the contract procedure procedures are waived in accordance with the constitution to engage Mollington Contracts Limited to deliver the seating indents at Fairhaven and Church Scar to a value of

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£95,000 on the basis that it would be inadvisable to have two main contractors working on the same site and to meet the project time frames for re-opening to the public.

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