



MINUTES

Tourism and Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 3 November 2022
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Michael Sayward (Chairman) Councillor Gavin Harrison (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Peter Anthony, Brenda Blackshaw, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Shirley Green, Matthew Lee, Cheryl Little, Vince Settle.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Mark Wilde, Tim Dixon, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.
Other Representatives:	Tim Lince (Chief Executive) Lowther Gardens (Lytham) Trust Theresa Mallabone (Chair) Lowther Gardens (Lytham) Trust
Members of the Public:	1 member of the public were in attendance

Public Platform

There were no speakers on this occasion.

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. No interests were declared on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee meetings held on 9th June and 8th September 2022 as correct records for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

Decision Items

4. Fairhaven Lake Pathway Improvements Capital Scheme

The Chairman invited Tim Dixon (Tourism & Cultural Services Manager) to present the report. In summary, the report detailed a request for funding to undertake repairs and improvements to the pathways at Fairhaven Lake.

Members were advised that the scheme included works to several sections of pathway and the construction of a new path from the car park to the main circular lake path. The Committee was requested to approve a fully funded capital scheme addition in 2022/23 of £70,000 to be funded from the Capital Investment Reserve. Further details about this matter were set out in the report.

Included as an appendix to the report was a copy of the map of proposed works.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED to recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a fully funded capital scheme addition in 2022/23 of £70,000 to be funded from the Capital Investment Reserve to carry out the works detailed within the report.

Information Items

5. Lowther Gardens Trust - Annual Report

The Chairman invited Tim Dixon (Tourism and Cultural Services Manager) to introduce the report

By way of introduction, Mr Dixon reminded members that the Council has in place a Service Level Agreement with the operating company of Lowther Gardens Trust, Lowther Gardens (Lytham) Management Ltd, to provide services at Lowther Pavilion. Mr Dixon explained that as part of the agreement, the Trust is required to provide a report to the Committee each year, summarising the performance over the previous year.

A copy of the Annual Report was included as an appendix to the covering report.

The Chairman then went on to invite Tim Lince, Chief Executive, Lowther Gardens (Lytham) Trust to present the Trust's 2021/22 Annual Report. In doing so, Mr Lince provided members with a summary of the performance over the previous year together with details of various challenges and achievements and other key points of interest arising from the report. In conclusion, Mr Lince thanked the Council for its support, help and advice through what had been a very difficult time for the creative industries. He added that in the face of adversity Lowther believed that it had laid the groundwork for a very exciting future in providing cultural activities for all generations going forward.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman invited questions from members of the Committee. Clarification was sought about the sessions made available for home schooled children. This was addressed by Mr Tim Lince

Councillor Sue Fazackerley, in her capacity as Fylde's representative on Lowther Trust, endorsed the 2021/22 Annual Report and in doing so, she commended the personal commitment of Tim Lince in driving forward the innovative Lowther vision. In addition, she went on to express her sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chair and the wider Lowther Team for the work that they do. This was further endorsed by the Committee.

6. Annual Tourism Statistics

The information report provided the Committee with an update on the latest official tourism statistics for Fylde covering the period between January to December 2021.

A copy of Fylde's Visitor Economy 2021 profile/statistics was included as an appendix to the report.

7. Corporate Plan Action Update

The information report provided the Committee with the latest progress against the corporate actions relevant to the committee that were scheduled for completion at the time of the meeting.

8. Reports of 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.

9. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 - Position as at 30th September 2022.

The information report (which was listed to follow and circulated prior to the meeting) provided an update on the General Fund Revenue Budget of the Council as at 30th September 2022 with specific reference to those areas under the remit of the Committee.

10. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2022/23 - Position as at 30th September 2022.

The information report (which was listed to follow and circulated prior to the meeting) provided an update on the approved Capital Programme of the Council as at 30th September 2022 with specific reference to those schemes under the remit of the Committee.

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