



MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 14 March 2023
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Roger Small (Chairman) Councillor John Kirkham (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Alan Clayton, Chris Dixon, Brian Gill, Bobby Rigby, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillor Mark Bamforth via remote access
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Ian Williamson, Andrew Loynd, Sharon Wadsworth.

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. There were no declarations of interests on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 17 January 2023 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members on this occasion.

Decision Items

4. Public Spaces Protection Orders for Enforcement of Dog Control

Councillor Roger Small introduced the report that detailed the Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) currently in place across the borough for the enforcement of dog control under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. The PSPOs commenced on October 1, 2017, were extended in November 2020, amended in December 2021 to add further 'dogs on leads' areas and remain in force until 30th September 2023.

Members were in agreement that the current PSPOs were fair and designed to protect wildlife and the public to prevent certain persistent activities that have a detrimental effect on the quality of life in the locality.

In response to a question about the inclusion of other areas on the current PSPO's Ian Williamson, Head of Environmental Health and Housing Services, advised that requests, with details of instances, are to be reported and any new areas would be subject to public consultation before a new order is made.

It was unanimously RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee was minded to extend all of the public spaces protection orders described in the report for a further three years;
2. In relation to each order the committee was minded to extend, delegate authority to the Head of Environmental Health and Housing to carry out the necessary consultation, publicity and notification and then to extend the order, unless the Head of Environmental Health and Housing considered that the order should not be extended until a response to the consultation or publicity had been considered by the relevant committee.

5. Bus Shelter Working Group – Closure Report

Councillor Small introduced a report that requested working groups and boards that had been established and appointed by the committee be formally closed and disbanded for the new council to review and determine the most appropriate arrangements under the new governance structure.

The Chairman passed on his thanks onto the members and officers involved for their hard work, dedication, and contribution in the group.

It was RESOLVED to disband the Bus Shelter Working Group and acknowledge that the members of the Group appointed by the committee had fulfilled the intended objectives and aims set by the committee in delivering the service for the Authority.

6. Car Park Working Group – Closure Report

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The Chairman passed on his appreciation to the members and officers involved for their hard work, dedication, and contribution in the group with particular reference to Andrew Loynd for his guidance and knowledge.

It was RESOLVED to disband the Car Park Working Group and acknowledge that the members of the Group appointed by the committee had fulfilled the intended objectives and aims set by the committee in delivering the service for the Authority.

Information Items

The following information items were received and noted by the committee.

7. Access for all Beach Matting at St Annes

The information report informed members on how the decision was made to continue with the mat option and how it would be managed. It was confirmed that other areas could be considered in the future if the scheme proved successful.

8. Car Parking Annual Report 2021/22

Each year Local Authorities are required to produce and publish an annual report to present financial and statistical information relating to Local Authority parking operations to the public. The committee were advised that this report has been published on the Council's website.

9. Stanner Bank Car Park Barrier Update

The committee was provided with an update on the operation and the number of out-of-hours calls received in relation to the Stanner Bank Car Park barrier system. Full year income and costs incurred for the barrier system was included within the report.

10. Reports of the Various Outside Bodies

The reports from members appointed to the various Outside Bodies within the remit of the committee were included for information.

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Prior to the closure of the meeting the Chairman, Councillor Small, thanked members of the committee and officers for their valued contributions, help and expertise over the years. Councillors Clayton and Dixon echoed the chairman’s sentiments and praised Councillor Small for his engaging and fair handling of the meetings.

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