



# MINUTES

## Operational Management Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 12 September 2017
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Councillor David Eaves (Chairman) Councillor Sandra Pitman (Vice-Chairman)  Councillors Frank Andrews, Julie Brickles, Alan Clayton, Susan Fazackerley, Paul Hodgson, John Kirkham, Kiran Mulholland, Thomas Threlfall.
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	Councillor Karen Buckley
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Paul Walker, Darren Bell, Mike Pomfret, Kathy Winstanley, Sharon Wadsworth
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	3 members of the public were in attendance during the course of the meeting.

### Public Platform

There were no speakers on this occasion.

The Chairman, Councillor Eaves, welcomed Councillor Mulholland to his first meeting as a member of the Operational Management Committee.

#### 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.

Councillor Kiran Mulholland declared a personal interest in Item 5 – Council Question – Alderman Car Parking.

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 23 May 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

#### 3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 24(c) :

Councillor Susan Fazackerley for Councillor Richard Fradley

#### Decision Items

##### 4. Fairhaven to Church Scar Coastal Defence Works

Paul Walker, Director of Development Services, introduced a report to seek approval from the committee to enter into a contract with the Preferred Bidder for the main detailed design and construction of the Fairhaven to Church Scar Coast Protection Scheme. Mike Pomfret, Project Manager, was invited to provide an update on progress of the project to date and details of the procurement exercise.

The preferred bidder had come out as VBA Joint Venture Ltd. The contract would be a fixed price “design and build” contract which generally provide the least risk to an employer. Despite this it was recommended that a “risk pot” of at least 10% was retained to mitigate against the major risk events. Mr. Pomfret advised that the major risks would pass within the first year or so of the project at which point the finances would be reviewed and if appropriate the monies reinvested where eligible within the scheme.

Councillor Threlfall raised his concerns over the safety of the public along the proposed Fairhaven revertment. Mr Pomfret explained that a public safety risk assessment had been conducted on the scheme design that covered the risk of persons being swept into the sea along the Fairhaven sea defences. This risk had been mitigated by signing up to the Environment Agency alert service which would enable measures to be put in place for the promenade to be closed to the public in the event of extreme weather conditions.

Members raised questions on the concept and design of the defences and the procurement process. These concerns were answered in full by Mr. Pomfret.

Following a brief discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve expenditure in the sum of £19.83m in respect of the Fairhaven to Church Scar Coast Protection Scheme which was included within the approved Capital Programme in the total sum of £19.83m; and
2. To authorise that a contract to be entered into with the Preferred Bidder, VBA Joint Venture Ltd, for the detailed design and construction of the Fairhaven to Church Scar Coast Protection Scheme.

The Chairman concluded the item by thanking Darren Bell and the team for enabling the project to be developed and progressed to this point.

##### 5. Council Question – Alderman Car Parking

Paul Walker presented a report to the committee in response to a question that was tabled at the Full Council meeting on July 17th 2017 by Councillor Mulholland regarding the provision of free car parking for life to Alderman of the Borough. Councillor David Eaves as the Chairman of the Operational Management Committee had responded by agreeing to have the matter discussed and decided on at the next available meeting of the Operational Management committee.

During the course of the debate on the request it was suggested and moved that in recognition of the prestige honor of being awarded Alderman status a permit should be provided for all car parks without any time restriction.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to agree to the provision of an Alderman’s car parking pass for use on all Fylde Borough owned and operated car parks without any time restrictions.

#### Information Items

The following information items were receive by the committee.

##### 6. Borough Wide Weed Spraying Treatment Under Exempt Contract Procurement Rule

This information update had been provided due to the requirement to report the commissioning of a borough wide weed spraying treatment under the exempt contract procurement rules.

Members did briefly discuss the new system of weed treatment in general and the challenges experienced in different areas. Praise was made to the teams that were out to manually remove weeds in some areas prior to judging of In Bloom.

Kathy Winstanley, Head of Health and Environment, assured members that a full and frank review would be undertaken towards the end of the year on weed control. A future report would be presented to the committee will all the options and financing available for the forthcoming year.

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.

8. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2017/18 – Position as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017

The information report provided an update of the Council's General Fund Revenue Budget as at 31st July 2017 and specifically for those areas under the Committee's remit.

A request was made, and undertaking given, for a breakdown of the income received from the Green Waste scheme to be presented to the next committee meeting.

9. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2017/18 – Position as at 31st July 2017

This information report provided an update of the Council's approved Capital Programme as at 31st July 2017 with specific reference to those schemes under the Committee's remit.

Paul Walker made particular reference to the scheme entitled Public Transport improvements and outlined the delay that there had been in seeking confirmation from LCC as to the details of the proposed use of the funds.

Councillor Buckley was invited by the Chairman to address the committee regarding concerns raised by the Finance and Democracy committee on the length of time taken to progress schemes supported by S106 monies. Councillor Buckley expressed her desire for a report to be commissioned on the progress and delays for all schemes related to S106 monies.

The Chairman promised to discuss the matter with the CEO at his next briefing.

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