



MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 14 November 2017
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor David Eaves (Chairman) Councillor Sandra Pitman (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Alan Clayton, Susan Fazackerley, Richard Fradley, John Kirkham, Thomas Threlfall.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillor Karen Buckley
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Darren Bell, Kathy Winstanley, Steve Fulton, Andrew Loynd, Sharon Wadsworth
Other Attendees:	3 members of the public were in attendance during the course of the meeting.

Public Platform

Mr Moor addressed the committee under public platform requesting clarification on the objective of the green waste subscription service. The Chairman, Councillor Eaves, confirmed that the objective to the introduction of the green waste subscription service was to help mitigate the impact of the loss of the £763,000 grant from Lancashire County Council, it was not to cover the cost of the green waste service and if that had been the impression given at a previous meeting it was incorrect, the purpose has always been to mitigate some of the £763,000 grant removed by LCC.

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 interest.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 12 September 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman subject to the addition of the wording on Item 4 as proposed by Councillor Threlfall.

3. Substitute Members

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

Councillor Susan Fazackerley substituting for Councillor Paul Hodgson

4. Proposal for Overnight Motorhome Parking at North Beach Car Park

Andrew Loynd, Principal Car Parking and Energy Officer, introduced a report on a proposal to allow overnight parking for motorhomes at North Beach Car Park. Mr. Loynd advised that since 2012 Fylde Council had operated

An overnight motorhome parking scheme on St Annes Swimming Pool Car Park which had been very successful. The Operational Management committee had previously considered a report, in September 2016, from the Car Parking Working Group and resolved to proceed with looking at extending the scheme to the North Beach Car Park. Interest from the motorhome community had been received for quite locations to be considered. Nearby residents to the North Beach Car Park were consulted in summer 2017 with the responses received back included in the agenda papers.

Mr. Loynd highlighted that the consultation responses were broadly negative and that this was a similar pattern to the initial responses for the scheme at the St Annes Swimming Pool Car Park but that these concerns had not been founded.

It was proposed that as a result of the consultation an initial one year pilot scheme be implemented to identify whether the concerns raised in the consultation were valid and to see if mitigating measures could be taken or whether the scheme should be withdrawn.

Following a detailed discussion on the outcome of the consultation, based on balancing perception with reality the committee RESOLVED:

1. To operate a one year pilot scheme to assess the viability of operating an overnight motorhome parking scheme on North Beach Car Park. The scheme would be reviewed by members after September 2018.
2. To reduce standard tariffs on North Beach Car Park in line with Lytham Station Car Park and implement overnight motorhome parking charges with similar reduced rates.

5. Fleet Replacement – Direct Purchase of Previously Hired Vehicles

Steve Fulton, Fleet and Depot Manager, presented a request for approval to purchase two Transit Tipper vehicles and three triple mowers. The vehicles would replace similar vehicles which were currently on hire arrangements and were used by the parks services in respect of the Blackpool Coastal Housing (BCH) contract. Mr Fulton explained that it was timely and appropriate to consider the options available for the provision of vehicles following securing a new five year contract (plus a two year extension option) as opposed to the previous contract that was on an annual basis. The proposal was that the vehicles were purchased outright, in line with current fleet procurement practices, the cost of which would be met from revenue savings on the hire costs.

The Committee discussed the proposals and RESOLVED to recommend the Finance and Democracy Committee:

1. To approve a fully-funded capital budget increase for Vehicle Purchases of £136,024 in 2018/19, fully-funded from virements from the revenue budgets for vehicle hire costs in 2018/19 and future years as detailed within the report; and
2. To authorise the expenditure for the acquisition of two Ford transit tippers and three triple-mowing machines at a total cost of £136,024 to be met from the approved Capital Programme for vehicle replacement in 2018/19.

6. Outside Bodies

Councillor Eaves, introduced a report on vacancies that had arisen on a couple of outside bodies following the resignation of Albert Pounder. The committee was requested to nominate representatives to the outside bodies for confirmation at Full Council on 4 December 2017.

The Committee RESOLVED to:

1. Nominate Councillor John Kirkham to represent the PATROL and Sintropher Working Groups.

2. Agreed not to make a further appointment to the Fylde Peninsular Coastal Programme Board on the grounds that Councillor Threlfall's appointment to the Fairhaven and Church Scar Coastal Project Board was sufficient.

Information Items

The following information items were received by the committee.

7. Green Waste Subscription Service - Update

The information report provided Members with an update on progress of the subscription service for green waste since it was introduced in June 2017. Following an enquiry as to how much of the Lancashire County Council grant of £763,000 is used to finance the green waste service it was clarified that the grant from LCC was a contribution to the cost of the whole recycling collection service (blue, brown and green bins) and that the whole recycling services cost more than the grant received. The grant was based on a fee per household that receives a three waste (blue, brown and green) recycling service without the grant the council would have had to charge for green waste collections in line with most other authorities in the country.

8. Fairhaven and Church Scar Coastal Protection Scheme

The information report provided Members with an update on the progress of the Scheme to date. Councillor Threlfall commented that a lot of work had been invested in the scheme over the years to reach this point. Members were also pleased to note the commitment by VBA to keep residents and general public informed of the works being undertaken.

9. Section 106 Payment Process

In response to a recommendation from the Finance and Democracy Committee the report outlined the payment procedures for Section 106 funds and provided a link to the current Section 106 payments which was available on the Fylde website.

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