

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	29 MARCH 2021	9
FULLY FUNDED REVENUE BUDGET INCREASE – YMCA, NATIONAL LEISURE RECOVERY FUND			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

At the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 11 March 2021, a verbal update was given on the Covid 19 recovery arrangements in place which included reference to a grant of £149,612 which had awarded to Fylde Council on behalf the Fylde Coast YMCA as part of the National Leisure Recovery Fund.

The committee noted that the grant would be taken forward as a fully funded revenue budget increase of £149,612 funded from the National Leisure Recovery Fund (NLRF), to support the YMCA in their recovery from the impacts of the pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested:

To approve an additional revenue budget increase of £149,612 in 2020/21 fully funded from the National Leisure Recovery Fund, to support the YMCA in their recovery from the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Tourism & Leisure Committee – 11 March 2021

Information Item

11. COVID 19 Recovery

A verbal update was provided to members on the COVID 19 Recovery measures/ Roadmap in so far as it relates to the Terms of Reference of the Tourism and Leisure Committee with particular reference to how different events and facilities would be restarted safely when the restrictions are lifted.

Mr Walker advised the Committee that the Council had submitted an application on behalf of the Fylde Coast YMCA for a grant from the National Leisure Recovery Fund which had resulted in a £140,000 grant being awarded. In addition, a further £9,612 had been granted to the YMCA from that fund from unspent monies from other areas of across the country resulting in a total grant of £149,612. This would go forward as a funded budget increase.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	√
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	√

REPORT

1. At the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 11 March 21, a verbal information item was given on the Covid 19 recovery arrangements as they affected the terms of reference of the Tourism and Leisure committee. This included reference to the recent award of two grants from the national Leisure Recovery Fund for the Fylde Coast YMCA in support of their recovery from the impacts of the pandemic.
2. It was a requirement that the application was made in the name of the local authority on behalf of the leisure trust, the evidence required for the application was provided by the YMCA. The original grant of £140,000 was awarded followed by a further allocation of £9,612.
3. The [National Leisure Recovery Fund](#) is administered by Sport England as part of a £100m fund for local authority leisure facilities. Fylde Council would act as the accountable body for the grant which essentially involved the funds being paid into the council account and then transferred to the provider (YMCA). Sport England have commissioned a national provider to monitor the use of the grant which involves regular reporting by the YMCA through the council.
4. The NLRF was established in response to the exceptional significant losses and ongoing costs from the COVID 19 pandemic experienced by major leisure facility providers in the public sector operating through trusts, charities, public owned companies or direct service provision.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The report requests approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase of £149,612 in 2020/21 to be met in full from the National Leisure Recovery Fund grant.
Legal	Fylde Council would act as the accountable body for the grant.
Community Safety	None arising from this report.
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising from this report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from this report.

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