

# **MINUTES**

# **Operational Management Committee**

Tuesday, 23 May 2017

Venue: Town Hall, St Annes.

Committee Members Present: Councillor David Eaves (Chairman)
Councillor Sandra Pitman (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Alan Clayton, Richard Fradley, Neil Harvey, Paul Hodgson, John Kirkham, Albert Pounder, Thomas Threlfall.

**Other Councillors Present:** Councillors Susan Fazackerley and Karen Buckley.

Officers Present: Allan Oldfield, Kathy Winstanley, Sharon Wadsworth.

**Other Attendees:** 9 members of the public were in attendance during the course of the meeting.

A minutes silence was observed at the start of the meeting in respect of the tragic event at Manchester Arena.

#### **Public Platform**

Under the Public Platform arrangements three members of the public addressed the committee in relation to Item 4, Public Space Protection Orders for Dog Control.

## 1. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

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 declarations of interest were declared on this occasion.

# 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 14 March 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 Neil Harvey substituting for Councillor Frank Andrews

Councillor John Kirkham substituting for Councillor Ed Nash.

The Chairman, Councillor Eaves, took this opportunity to congratulate Councillor Pitman on her appointment to Vice Chairman and thanked Councillor Pounder for all of his past contributions as the vice chairman to the committee and during the previous cabinet system.

#### **Decision Items**

## 4. Public Space Protection Orders for Dog Control

Kathy Winstanley, Head of Health and Environment, presented the report that outlined the recommendations from the cross party working group that had been established to consider the introduction of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) for the enforcement of dog control in Fylde under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The report provided details of the work carried out by the Working Group, whose objective was to investigate a way forward to remove the existing outdated bylaws and implement measures that would allow responsible dog owners to continue enjoying the Fylde whilst appropriately managing any irresponsible owners.

Members sought clarification on various points including authorized officers and the provision to target problematic areas. Mrs Winstanley responded in full to any concerns raised. A discussion and debate took place on the preferred options for the exclusion of dogs on the Amenity Beach. The option that received the most overall support from members of the committee was Option B – exclusion to commence from Easter i.e. Good Friday to 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Councillor Clayton and Councillor Eaves concluded that a balanced result had been achieved taking into account the residents' consultation, the unbiased opinion of the Kennel Club and the future prospect of developing a Fylde Coast Accreditation Scheme.

The committee unanimously RESOLVED to approve the recommendations from the cross party working group as outlined below:

- To remove all existing bylaws across the Borough in relation to dog control
- To implement a borough wide PSPO for fouling
- To implement a PSPO for dogs on lead on public vehicular highways
- To implement a PSPO for dogs on lead in all council owned car parks
- To implement a PSPO for dogs on lead in Lytham cemetery
- To implement a PSPO for dogs to be excluded from enclosed/fenced children play areas
- To implement a PSPO for dogs to be excluded from ornamental water features
- To implement a seasonal PSPO for dogs to be excluded on the designated Amenity Beach from Good Friday to 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- To implement a seasonal PSPO for dogs on leads along the Promenade Gardens in line with the Amenity Beach exclusion period.
- To implement a borough wide PSPO for dogs on lead by direction only
- To explore an accreditation scheme for professional dog walkers as an alternative to limits on the number of dogs in partnership with the Kennel Club and representatives from the professional dog walking organisations
- To implement the proposed PSPO's from 1 October 2017 (to allow for an educational phase) with enforcement commencing from 1 November 2017
- To implement new signage that is clear, polite and informative in appropriate locations across the Borough based on best practice and feedback from the dog walking representatives, the cost of which will be met from existing approved revenue budgets
- To remove all outdated signage in relation to dog control bylaws.
- To provide an update report to the committee in September 2018.

# 5. <u>Public Transport Improvements Relating to Section 106 Agreement for Land at Nine Acres Nursery Warton</u> (10/0766)

The Chairman, Councillor Eaves, and Allan Oldfield, Chief Executive, introduced the report that addressed the matter of payment of a developer contribution (generated from the development at Nine Acres Nursery, Warton in relation to application 10/0766) in the total sum of £90,000 to Lancashire County Council to provide for the enhancement of local bus services and dial-a-bus provision in relation to the development. Funding would only be

transferred to Lancashire County Council for this purpose following its receipt from the developer by Fylde Council.

Following a brief discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED:

- 1. To request that the Finance and Democracy Committee approve a fully-funded addition to the Capital Programme in 2017/18 in the sum of £90,000, to be met in full by a receipt of Section 106 monies (generated from the development at Nine Acres Nursery, Warton in relation to application 10/0766) in the same amount; and
- 2. That conditional upon receiving the approval as outlined above, that the sum of £90,000 be paid to Lancashire County Council to provide for the enhancement of local bus services and dial-a-bus provision in relation to the development. Funding would only be transferred to Lancashire County Council for this purpose following its receipt from the developer by Fylde Council.

#### Information Items

The following information items were receive by the committee.

## 6. Car Parking Update on Residents Permit and Motorhome Schemes

Details on the progress of the Fylde Resident's Permit and Motorhome schemes for 2016/17 was provided to the committee for comparison with earlier years.

As the figures in the report show that the Motorhome scheme was gaining in popularity year on year it was RESOLVED for the car parking manager to explore the feasibility for additional areas to be included in the scheme.

# 7. Year End Performance Exception 2016/17

The report provided details of the key performance outcomes for the whole of the financial year 2016/17. Performance was reported against the targets set for the year.

## 8. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2016/17 – Outturn Position 31st March 2017

The report detailed the expenditure on schemes within the Council's approved capital programme for the financial year 2016/17.

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