

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	28 JUNE 2021	9
FULLY FUNDED CAPITAL BUDGET INCREASE – BLACKPOOL ROAD NORTH PLAYING FIELDS DRAINAGE			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

The report details a request from Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting, held on 10 June 2021, for additional funds to replace the existing surface water culvert along the full length of the sports field at Blackpool Road North which is collapsing. These works are a requirement under riparian ownership responsibilities as set out by the Environment Agency (EA). In addition, the Committee was also asked to support the additional works to renovate the football pitches post culvert contract.

The Committee sought the approval of the Finance and Democracy Committee for a fully funded budget increase in the sum of £40,000 to fund the proposed drainage scheme works and proposed pitch remediation works, within the Council's approved Capital Programme for 2021/22, to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve. The Tourism & Leisure Committee approved the drawdown of the additional funding.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested:

1. To approve a fully funded capital budget increase in the sum of £40,000 to the Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage scheme within the approved Capital Programme for 2021/22, to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

[Tourism and Leisure Committee - 10th June 2021](#)

1. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a fully funded increase in the sum of £40,000 to the Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage scheme within the approved Capital Programme for 2021/22, to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve;
2. To approve the draw-down of £40,000 to support the ongoing works at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields within the Council's 2021/22 capital programme, subject to the approval of the increase to the scheme by the Finance and Democracy Committee

[Finance and Democracy Committee 25th January 2021](#)

Resolved: To approve an increase in the sum of £20,000 to the Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage project within the Council's 2020/21 capital programme, to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve.

[Tourism and Leisure Committee 7th January 2021](#)

1. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a fully funded increase in the sum of £20,000 to the Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage scheme within the approved Capital Programme for 2020/21, to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve;
2. To approve the draw-down of £20,000, in addition to the £105,000 already approved in the Council's 2020/21 capital programme, subject to the approval of the increase to the Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage scheme by the Finance and Democracy Committee; and
3. To note the procurement route as detailed in the procurement section of this report and award the tender to Cleveland Land Services.
4. To note that additional work to prevent future ponding and waterlogging of the site is to be investigated as a matter of urgency and for any such work identified to be carried out concurrently with the main contract. If officers consider it appropriate, then consideration be given to using the expertise of the successful contractor by negotiating a contract extension for such work provided this is financially favourable and in accordance with the Council's procurement guidelines. The capital implications of extra work over and above the present budget is to be costed and agreed by the Finance and Democracy Committee

[Tourism and Leisure Committee 9th January 2020](#)

Resolved: To support the capital bid of £105,000 for Blackpool Road North Playing Fields drainage

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 10 June 21, consideration was given to a request for additional funds to replace the existing surface water culvert along the full length of the sports field at Blackpool Road North which is collapsing. These works are a requirement under riparian ownership responsibilities as set out by the Environment Agency (EA). In addition, the Committee was also asked to support the additional works to renovate the football pitches post culvert contract. Full details about various challenges with the drainage works were set out in the report to the [://fylde.cmis.uk.com/fylde/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1282/Committee/18/Default.aspx](http://fylde.cmis.uk.com/fylde/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1282/Committee/18/Default.aspx) [Tourism and Leisure Committee](#).
2. The existing capital programme includes provision of £125,000 split across 2020/21 and 2021/22 for the delivery of drainage works at Blackpool North Playing Fields. A budget increase, fully funded from the capital investment reserve, is requested to complete this project, and deliver the sports field remediation works. This increase is £40,000.
3. The Tourism & Leisure Committee approved the drawdown of the additional funding to support the ongoing works at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields within the Council's 2021/22 Capital Programme, subject to the approval of the increase to the scheme by the Finance and Democracy Committee
4. The Tourism and Leisure Committee at its meeting on 25 January 2021 acknowledged that following further investigations, additional work/costs may be required/incurred in the future.
5. The culvert contract is ongoing and requires increased funds to complete the works. Details of the revised cost plan are set out below.
6. Details of the full costs of the scheme are detailed below:

Summary of cost	£
Existing budget	125,000

Construction works inc additional lateral drain	25,000
Sports pitch renovation estimate	15,000
Overall total revised budget	165,000

7. The report seeks approval of the Finance and Democracy Committee for an increase in the cost of the scheme in the sum of £40,000, to enable the completion of the culvert replacement at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields and carry out sports pitch renovations as requested by the Tourism and Leisure Committee.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The report requests the Finance and Democracy Committee to approve a fully funded capital budget increase in the sum of £40,000 in respect of the Blackpool Road North Playing Fields Drainage scheme and proposed pitch remediation works, within the Council's approved Capital Programme for 2021/22, to be met in full from the Capital Investment Reserve. The drawdown of the additional funding was approved by the Tourism and Leisure Committee.
Legal	None arising from this report.
Community Safety	Removes collapsed sections of public use land and removes trip hazards.
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	Reduces surface water flooding to the playing fields
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Blackpool Road North Playing Fields drainage capital bid	9 th January 2020	Reports archive.
Blackpool Road North Playing Fields report to T+L	7 th January 2021	Reports archive.
Blackpool Road North Playing Fields report to F+D	25 th January 2021	Reports archive.