



Minutes

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date:	Thursday, 31 May 2016
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members:	Councillor David Eaves (Chairman) Councillor Albert Pounder (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Peter Anthony, Alan Clayton, Richard Fradley, Karen Henshaw JP, Angela Jacques, Edward Nash, Sandra Pitman.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillors Karen Buckley and Tony Ford
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Kathy Winstanley, Andrew Dickson, Darren Bell, Geoff Willetts, Sharon Wadsworth
Other Attendees:	Philip Bennett-Lloyd of JBA Consulting 3 members of the public were in attendance

Public Platform

There were no speakers under the Public Platform provision on this occasion.

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 on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 31st March 2016 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

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

Councillor Angela Jacques for Councillor Frank Andrews.

Decision Items

4. Long Term Management of Lytham St Annes Dunes

Darren Bell, Head of Technical Services, introduced the report as well as the wider team involved with the long term management of the Lytham St Annes dunes system. He reiterated that the dunes were of significant importance to the area as they were formed part of the Boroughs soft sea defences. It had been found that the foreshore and dune system was accreting as a whole and that the Council needed to continue to build on this achievement.

Mr Bell explained that in 2012 Blackpool Council, in partnership with Fylde Council and the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, secured £470,000 of funding from the Environment Agency for a 5-year project to deliver the aims of the Sand Dune Management Action Plan. A steering group comprising of Fylde Council, Blackpool Council, The Environment Agency, Lancashire Wildlife Trust and Natural England was established at the start of the project and continued to meet on a quarterly basis. The

project was now in its final year of delivery and a great deal of progress had been made on widening the dunes towards the sea thus improving the habitat and increasing public appreciation, involvement and enjoyment of the dunes. Due to the success of the project additional funding for a further five years was being sought.

Philip Bennet-Lloyd of JBA Consulting addressed the committee on the Geomorphological Study and reinforced that study findings confirmed that the work already been done was working and should continue with the aim of advancing the dune line further.

Members of the committee raised several questions regarding the study and the dunes and these were responded in full by Mr Bennett-Lloyd and Mr Bell.

The Chairman, Councillor David Eaves, passed on his congratulations and thanks to the dune project team for the ongoing success and thanked Mr Bennett-Lloyd for his attendance and all of his help and advice.

The committee unanimously RESOLVED

- 1) To note the progress of the Sand Dunes Management Action Plan.
- 2) To endorse the recommendations within the geomorphological study.
- 3) To authorise the procurement route and subsequent Capital Expenditure totalling £17,000 (£15,000 from the approved 2016/17 capital programme and £2,000 that was being requested as slippage as part of the Outturn report to the Finance and Democracy Committee in June) to deliver the remodelling of the dunes to the rear of North Beach car park.

5. Upgrade and Reopening of the Public Convenience Facility on North Promenade Car Park

Kathy Winstanley, Head of Health and Environment, introduced the report that was requesting the drawdown of funds to commence works on the approved plan to upgrade and reopen the public convenience facility on North Promenade car park. The new unit would provide two WC's, a disabled unit with baby-changing table and an external sluice/water unit. The cleaning and maintenance would be undertaken by Danfo under the terms of the existing contract.

Members of the committee requested more information on the type of sluice unit that was to be fitted, in particular whether or not it could take chemical or only grey water waste. An undertaking was provided by Kathy Winstanley to obtain the information and report back to members.

It was RESOLVED to approve commencement of the works to upgrade the North Promenade Car Park Public Conveniences and to approve capital expenditure of up to £84,000 for this purpose. This scheme was included within the approved Capital Programme for delivery in 2016/17.

6. Proposal to Consider Borough Wide Weed Treatment Using Mechanical Removal

Kathy Winstanley presented the report that detailed the proposal to consider the introduction of an in-house borough wide weed treatment process using mechanical removal as an alternative to chemical spraying. Alternative practices had been explored in response to Lancashire County Council's reduction in public realm payments and the future challenge of maintaining the current standards of service delivery.

The mechanical process would be by the use of the Nilfisk City Ranger that was a compact ride on sweeping machine that could be fitted with a weed ripping brush attachment. Unlike the weed spraying method, that was periodical and weather dependant, the sweeping machines would be used on a rolling programme all year across the whole of the Borough.

Following a brief discussion it was RESOLVED to recommend to the Finance & Democracy Committee the approval of a fully funded capital budget increase for Vehicle Purchases of £57,000 in 2016/17,

fully funded from various Revenue Budget Virements from 2016/17 and future years as detailed within the report and to authorise the expenditure for the purchase of two Nilfisk City Ranger ride on sweepers with weed ripper attachments to carry out the removal of weeds across Fylde.

Information Items

The committee received the following information item:

7. Update on Green Waste Charging Across Lancashire

The information provided updated members on the current situation and other authorities' arrangements with regards to green waste charging.

8. Update on LCC Cost Sharing Agreement and Lancashire Waste Review

The information report contained the latest position with regards to the LCC Cost Sharing Agreement and outcome of the Lancashire Waste Review. The review found that Fylde was the most efficient operator in the area.

9. Car Parking Update on Resident Permit and Motorhome Schemes

Details on the progress of the Fylde Resident's Permit and motorhome schemes for 2015/16 was provided to the committee for comparison with earlier years.

10. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2015/16 – Outturn Position 31st March 2016

The report detailed the expenditure on schemes within the Council's approved capital programme for the financial year 2015/16.

11. Year End Performance 2015/16

The report provided details of the key performance outcomes for the whole of the financial year 2015/16. Performance was reported against the targets set for the year.

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