



MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 9 November 2021
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Roger Small (Chairman) Councillor John Kirkham (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Mark Bamforth via remote access, Alan Clayton, Chris Dixon, Brian Gill, Paul Hodgson, Michelle Morris, Bobby Rigby, Stan Trudgill.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillor Karen Buckley
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Kathy Winstanley, Darren Bell, Ian Walker, Ross McKelvie, Sharon Wadsworth
Other Attendees:	None

Public Platform

There were no speakers on this occasion.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Gill to his first meeting as a member of the Operational Management committee and extended his thanks and appreciation to Councillor Brickles for her contributions to the committee over the years.

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. No interests were declared on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 23 August 2021 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions under Council procedure rule 23 (c).

Decision Items

4. Variation of Public Spaces Protection Orders for Enforcement of Dog Control – Update

Councillor Small introduced the report in relation to the public spaces protection orders ('PSPOs') that are in place in parks and open spaces across the borough requiring anyone in charge of a dog to put the dog on a lead when requested by an authorised officer. Following several incidents involving protected wildlife and other dogs being attacked by dogs that were not on a lead a public consultation had been conducted as part of the necessary process to review the existing PSPOs and to consider if they required to be changed to require dogs to be always

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on a lead when in Ashton Gardens, Lowther Gardens, Fairhaven Lake and (insofar as it is not already the case) the Promenade and Promenade Gardens.

Members were satisfied that the criteria had been met to meet the conditions to amend the PSPO's and acknowledged that there were suitable alternative public open spaces within the vicinity of the affected areas where dogs could be exercised off the lead. A request for a support service for victims of attacks was voiced at the meeting and the chairman made an undertaking to discuss this avenue with officers.

Following a full discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee agreed to change the PSPOs for Ashton Gardens, Lowther Gardens, Fairhaven Lake and (insofar as it is not already the case) the Promenade and Promenade Gardens to "dogs on lead" areas, rather than "dogs on lead by request" areas.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Resources to vary and make the orders as set out below:
 - a. Varying the existing PSPO that requires dogs to be placed on a lead when requested by an authorised officer to do so by (i) adding Ashton Gardens, Lowther Gardens and Fairhaven Lake to schedule 1 ("places where this order does not apply") and (ii) Moving Promenade Gardens and Promenade from schedule 2 ("places where this order does not apply at certain time of the year") to schedule 1 ("places where this order does not apply");
 - b. Making new PSPOs for each of Ashton Gardens, Lowther Gardens and Fairhaven Lake requiring dogs to be always kept on a lead; and
 - c. Varying the existing PSPO that requires dogs in the Promenade and Promenade Gardens to be kept on a lead to apply all year round, and not just between Good Friday and September 30th.

5. Bulky Waste Collection Service

The Chairman presented the report regarding details of a proposed bulky waste collection arrangement with the Calico group. The previous service had been suspended due to the pandemic and following the closure of Refurb (BWC) had not resumed.

Collection of bulky waste falls within the council's general duty under section 45 of the Environmental Protection Act to arrange for the collection of household waste. The difference being that for waste with certain dimensions or larger, a reasonable charge for collection can be made and the duty arises only on request.

Kathy Winstanley, Head of Health and Environment, was available to respond to questions from members ranging from the SLA agreement, operating hours, option of a premium charge for out of hours collection and the constraints of providing the service "in-house"

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council the approval of an unfunded revenue budget increase in the sum of £27,122 per annum to meet the financial shortfall in fulfilling the Council's statutory obligation to provide residents with a bulky waste collection service.

6. Draft Domestic Recycling Policy

Councillor Small introduced the draft domestic recycling policy that had been produced to address the corporate plan priority on carbon reduction issues. The cross-party Carbon Neutral working group supported the policy and recommended its approval to the committee.

Mrs. Winstanley highlighted that the types of material that could be collected for recycling were limited to the facilities available from Lancashire County Council but were constantly under review.

It was RESOLVED to approve and adopt the draft Domestic Recycling Policy as recommended by the cross-party Carbon Neutral Working Group.

7. Retendering of the Public Convenience Contract for Cleansing and Maintenance

The report provided Members with an update on the current position with regards to the retendering of the public convenience contract to include the cleansing and maintenance of the existing facilities across the borough. Concerns were raised about the length of the contract and it was confirmed that a 15 year term was not unusual for this type of contract.

8. Christmas Tree Collections - Trinity Hospice 2021

The report provided Members with an update on the collaboration between Fylde Council and Trinity Hospice for the doorstep collection of real Christmas trees. The scheme would be extended Borough wide for the coming Christmas period, adhering to COVID-19 health and safety guidance with appropriate risk assessment mitigations.

9. Lytham Sea Defence Repairs

The information item detailed the remedial work to the concrete upstand upon which the railings are fixed to along the seawall in Lytham, from Church Scar to the Windmill. The committee extended their thanks to the Ranger team for the recent cutting back of the overgrown vegetation along the promenade.

10. Fylde Coastal Strategy - Update 2021

The Fylde Borough Council Coastal Strategy and Action Plan 2015 to 2032 is reviewed each year. Questions were raised on funding for the Lytham Quays pathway and water quality which were responded to by Darren Bell, Head of Technical Services.

11. Reports of the Various Outside Bodies

The committee received the completed reporting forms and a list of those bodies which had not met.

12. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report - Position as at 30th September 2021

The committee received an update on the General Fund Revenue Budget of the Council as at 30th September 2021 and specifically for those areas under the remit of the Committee.

13. Capital Programme Monitoring Report - Position as at 30th September 2021

The committee received an update on the approved Capital Programme of the Council as at 30th September 2021 and specifically for those schemes under the remit of the Committee.

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