

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	11 SEPTEMBER 2018	5
TOWN HALL CAR PARK			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

Phases 1 to 7 of the Town Hall accommodation project are now complete. These focussed on the Town Hall structure and internal renovations. The final phase of the project is to improve the external environment of the Town Hall, including the car park.

The Operational Management Committee is being asked to request approval from the Finance & Democracy Committee to the virement of £60,000 from the Car Park Improvements capital scheme as a contribution to the Accommodation Project - Phase 8 - Car Park & External Works which will include reconfiguring and relaying the car park surface.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested:

To recommend to the Finance & Democracy Committee approval to the virement of £60,000 from the Car Park Improvement capital scheme to the Accommodation Project - Phase 8: Car Park & External Works - scheme (which falls within the remit of the Finance and Democracy Committee) as a contribution to the total cost of Phase 8 of the Accommodation Project which would include re-configuring the car park layout and resurfacing.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Operational Management Committee, 16 January 2018:

The Committee were provided with an up to date position of the Capital Programme as at 30th November 2017.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	✓

REPORT

Background

1. Phases 1 to 7 of the Town Hall accommodation project are now complete. These have been led by the Finance and Democracy Committee through the Accommodation Working Group and have focussed on the Town Hall structure and internal renovations. Phase 8 is the final element of the project to be delivered which is the Car Park & External Works.

Current Condition of Town Hall Car Park

2. Overall the surface of the Town Hall Car Park is in a poor condition. The Westerly section facing South Promenade is considerably worn; in places the sub-surface layer is visible. A recent borehole survey found that parts of this section has inadequate sub-base which will need reconstruction if any resurfacing work is to prove effective. A patch repair was made to the entrance about 4 years ago to treat pot holes, although other areas have since deteriorated. This section now requires resurfacing including the reconstruction of the sub-base. The Northerly section facing St Annes Road East is cracking though retains its integrity for the present. If the car park was to remain untreated it is likely to require resurfacing within the next 3-5 years. It is estimated that a basic resurfacing of the car park without any improvements to the sub base would cost in the region of £66,000.

Draft Proposal for Phase 8 of the Town Hall Accommodation Project

3. The Accommodation Working Group, under the Finance and Democracy Committee, has considered options for improving the external environment of the Town Hall under Phase 8 of the Accommodation Project; including the car park, landscaping and entrances to the Town Hall. The Working Group has met and is recommending a complete scheme to improve the external environment including reconfiguring the car park area. The recommended design is currently being detailed and costed and will be presented to the next Finance and Democracy Committee meeting.

Car Park Capital Budget

4. Each year a £30,000 capital budget is allocated by Council for the improvement of car parks. In recent years this budget has been utilised to resurface a number of car parks and replace most pay and display machines. As it had been envisaged that this budget would be required to contribute towards the total cost of phase 8 of the Town Hall Accommodation Project, in 2017/18 this budget was unspent and re-phased to 2018/19 as reported to the Operational Management Committee on 16th January 2018 and the Finance and Democracy Committee on 22nd January 2018. The current capital programme therefore includes a sum of £60,000 in respect of car park improvements.
5. The Operational Management Committee is requested to recommend to the Finance & Democracy Committee approval to the virement of the sum of £60,000 from the Car Park Improvement capital scheme to the Accommodation Project - Phase 8: Car Park & External Works - scheme (which falls within the remit of the Finance and Democracy Committee) as a contribution to the total cost of Phase 8 of the Accommodation Project which would include re-configuring the car park layout and resurfacing.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	This report requests that the Committee recommend to the Finance & Democracy Committee approval to the virement of £60,000 from the Car Park Improvement capital scheme to the Accommodation Project - Phase 8: Car Park & External Works - scheme.
Legal	None arising from this report
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	The current Town Hall car park in places is in a poor condition and requires improvement to avoid trip hazards developing.
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