



MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 10 November 2020
Venue:	Remote meeting via Zoom.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Roger Small (Chairman) Councillor John Kirkham (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Mark Bamforth, Julie Brickles, Alan Clayton, Chris Dixon, Will Harris, Paul Hodgson, Kiran Mulholland, Bobby Rigby, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillors Karen Buckley, David O'Rourke, Cheryl Little
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Paul Walker, Ian Curtis, Kathy Winstanley, Marie Percival and Sharon Wadsworth
Other Attendees:	Six members of the public were in attendance

Public Platform

Three members of the public spoke under the Public Platform arrangements in connection to Item 4 – Public Spaces Protection Orders for Enforcement of Dog Control.

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 8 September 2020 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions on this occasion.

Decision Items

4. Public Spaces Protection Orders for Enforcement of Dog Control

The Chairman, Councillor Roger Small, introduced the report following the end of the consultation process to discuss feedback received around the amenity beach exclusion zone. The report provided three options for the members to discuss and the chairman introduced a fourth option to reduce the area of the exclusion zone to a more clearly defined and identifiable area.

Members discussed the options available and fully supported the option to reduce the beach exclusion zone to a more manageable and defined area with clear signage.

It was unanimously RESOLVED:

1. to reduce the beach exclusion zone to a clearly defined area from the end of the pier to the end of the RNLI slipway in a straight line and not to the water line;
2. to authorize officers to enter into negotiations with the Environment Agency to amend the water testing area as a result of the reduction of the exclusion zone;
3. to extend all the public spaces protection orders beyond January 2021, for a further three years, including the changes to the beach exclusion order as agreed in (1) above.

5. Sand Extraction – St Annes Foreshore

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) introduced a report summarizing the background to sand extraction from the St Annes foreshore and informed members as to the latest regulatory position following enforcement by the Marine Management Organisation. Mr. Walker explained the work that was required to be undertaken, including the costs involved, in order to apply for permissions to resume operations.

Following a brief discussion on the average income received and the amount of tonnage extracted it was unanimously RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a fully funded addition to the revenue budget in respect of 'St Anne's foreshore sand extraction development studies and regulatory applications' in the sum of £232,000, (£70,000 in 2020/21 and £162,000 in 2021/22) to be met in full, from the Funding Volatility Reserve;
2. Subject to 1 above, approve the commencement of the proposed development studies as identified in the report in the sum of £232,000, with the works being funded from the Funding Volatility Reserve;
3. to approve the procurement approach detailed the report to appoint Heaton Planning (Heatons) together with the environmental sub-contractor, Golder Associates, to deliver the sand extraction development studies and regulatory applications;

Information Items

The following information items were received and noted by the committee.

6. Christmas Tree Collections – Trinity Hospice

The information report updated members on the collaboration between Fylde Council and Trinity Hospice and on the doorstep collection of real Christmas trees for 2020.

7. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2020/21 – Position as at 30th September 2020

The information report provided an update on the General Fund Revenue Budget of the Council as at 30th September 2020 with specific reference to those areas under the remit of the Committee.

8. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2020/21 – Position as at 30th September 2020

The information report provided the committee with an update on the Council's approved Capital Programme as at 30th September 2020 with specific reference to those schemes under the remit of the committee.

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