



MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 16 January 2018
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor David Eaves (Chairman) Councillor Sandra Pitman (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Richard Fradley, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, John Kirkham, Kiran Mulholland, Jayne Nixon, Elaine Silverwood, Thomas Threlfall.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillor Karen Buckley
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Kathy Winstanley, Darren Bell, Mike Pomfret, Sharon Wadsworth
Other Attendees:	1 member of the public was in attendance during the course of the meeting.

A minute's silence was held in memory of Councillor Barbara Nash who suddenly and sadly passed away on 20th December 2017.

The Chairman, Councillor Eaves, welcomed Councillor Jayne Nixon to her first meeting as a member of the Operational Management Committee.

Public Platform

There were no speakers 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 declaration of interest.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 14th November 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

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

Councillor Elaine Silverwood substituted for Councillor Alan Clayton.

4. Borough Wide Treatment of Weeds

Kathy Winstanley, Head of Health and Environment, presented a report that proposed the reinstatement of the borough wide weed spraying programme to include three sprays per annum. Lancashire County Council had confirmed that the reimbursement of public realm payments would increase back up to the 2014 level for a guaranteed period of three years.

The mechanical street sweepers, purchased in 2016, with the option to add weed ripping attachments would continue to be used in suitable areas to supplement the weed control programme though the primary function is to street clean in urban areas.

The Chairman confirmed that following the 12th September 2017 meeting he had met with officers, along with Councillors Pitman and Clayton, to review the issues that led to problems with the 2017/18 weed control programme and ensure that any lessons were learnt were used to improve future service delivery.

The committee RESOLVED to approve the reinstatement of the borough wide weed spraying programme, the cost of which would be contained within existing approved revenue budgets.

5. Budget Setting – Fees and Charges 2018/19

Allan Oldfield, Chief Executive, introduced the report. In doing so he advised that each year, as part of the budget-setting process, the schedule of fees and charges for the coming year is reviewed by budget-holders prior to the schedule being considered by the relevant Programme Committee before being approved at the March Budget Council meeting.

The Committee RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to Council the proposed schedule of fees and charges applicable for 2018/19 as shown at Appendix A to the report; and
2. To note that the final fees and charges for 2018/19 would be approved by the Budget Council in March 2018.

Information Items

The following information items were received by the committee.

6. Budget Setting – Revenue Budget 2018/19 – First Draft

The Committee were advised that the first draft of the Revenue Budget for 2018/19 was now available for members to view. Committee members were encouraged to contact the Chief Financial Officer, Senior Officers or budget holders with any specific questions.

7. Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2017/18 – Position as at 30th November 2017

The Committee were provided with an up to date position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30th November 2017.

8. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2017/18 – Position as at 30th November 2017

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

9. Mid-Year Performance 2017/18

Details of the key performance outcomes for April 2017 to September 2017 were provided to the Committee.

10. Fairhaven to Church Scar Coast Defence Works

Darren Bell, Head of Technical Services, and Mike Pomfret, Project Manager, gave a brief presentation with an update on the progress of the Scheme to date. Following questions from members Mr. Pomfret confirmed that the dunes along Granny's Bay would be fenced off leaving an approximate five metre wide thoroughfare. This was required for health and safety and that access to the whole of the dunes would be fully reinstated once the works were completed.

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