

MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date: Tuesday, 6 September 2022 Venue: Town Hall, St Annes. **Committee Members** Councillor Roger Small (Chairman) Present: Councillor John Kirkham (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Alan Clayton, Chris Dixon, Paul Hodgson, Michelle Morris, Bobby Rigby, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder. **Other Councillors Present:** Councillor Mark Bamforth via remote access Officers Present: Allan Oldfield, Adam Sugden, Sharon Wadsworth Other Attendees: One member of the public

Public Platform

There were no speakers on this occasion.

1. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

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 15 June 2022 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. Contract Price for the Provision of Wheeled Bins

The Chairman introduced the item, highlighting the options available to the council following the increase in the world market price for the primary material, polymer, in the manufacture of the wheeled bins. The council's current supplier had an existing agreement with a fixed price for the supply of wheeled bins that could no longer be maintained and consequently had proposed an increase for the remainder of the contract period. The report outlined the circumstances that had resulted in this position, included cost comparisons with other suppliers, the replacement of bins policy and the options available to the council to mitigate some of the impact from the increased costs to ensure stocks are maintained.

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As part of the discussion Councillor Small provided an undertaking that he would discuss with the manager for waste and recycling the requests from members for greater promotion of the use of recycling options including the battery collection service, managing excess recycling material and the availability of replacement parts for bins i.e. lid pins and wheels.

Members considered the proposals put before them and RESOLVED:-

- 1. To approve an increase in the fees chargeable to residents for the purchase of replacement wheeled bins to £39 per bin from 1st October 2022, as set out in Table 1 of the report, and to reflect the resultant estimated additional income of up to £12,000 per annum, in a full year, that would be included in the next iteration of the council's financial forecast as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy update.
- 2. To note the implications of the increase in the cost of purchasing wheeled bins would continue to be assessed during the year and any changes required would be reflected in the next update of the council's financial forecast.
- 3. To note the policy statement in respect to the repair, re-use and the application of charges for replacement wheeled bins.

5. Staining Surface Water (SW) Drainage Improvements

Adam Sugden, Technical Services Officer, provided members with a concise summary of the extensive investigation works that had been undertaken on the surface water drainage system in Staining and the proposed scheme that had been designed to significantly reduce the risk of flooding in Staining.

Lancashire County Council (LCC) as the Lead Local Flood Authority had been involved in the planning of the scheme and would undertake works on the clearance of the detention basins of the soakaway media to improve surface water attenuation. Fylde Council's Technical Services team would arrange to repair and improve the existing surface water system servicing Eddleston Close and The Nook, and carry out remedial works to various chambers downstream of Eddleston Close to improve flow.

Members were concerned over the future maintenance by riparian owners of drainage ditches. Mr Sugden clarified that any works carried out as part of this scheme on riparian owned surface water drains would be subject to a one-off agreement and that the riparian owners would be responsible for future maintenance. The Staining Flood Action Group and the Parish Council were also vital in the promotion and education of the residents in Staining on the importance of maintaining the surface water drainage system.

It was unanimously RESOLVED:

- 1. To authorise the drawdown of expenditure up to £65,000 for the Staining Surface Water Drainage Improvement scheme which was included within the Councils 2022/23 capital programme.
- 2. To delegate the engagement of the contractor to the Head of Technical Services following a competitive procurement exercise using the request for quotation procedure, in accordance with the contract procedure rules. The contractor with the most economically advantageous quotation to the council would be appointed based on price and quality.

<u>Information Items</u>

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

6. Stanner Bank Car Park Barrier Update

The committee was provided with an update on the operation and number of out of hours calls received in relation to the Stanner Bank Car Park barrier system.

7. Corporate Action Plan Update

This information was provided to inform the committee about progress against the key strategic objectives the council had set out in the corporate plan.

8. Reports of the Various Outside Bodies

The report provided details of the key performance outcomes for the financial yearend 2021/22.

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9. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 - Position as at 31st July 2022

The committee received an update on the approved General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 - Position as at 31st July 2022 and specifically for those schemes under the remit of the committee.

10. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2022/23 – Position as at 31st July 2022

The committee received an update on the approved Capital Programme of the Council as at 31st July 2022 and specifically for those schemes under the remit of the committee.

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