



MINUTES

Council

Date:	Monday, 25 July 2022
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Mayor - Councillor Ben Aitken Deputy Mayor - Councillor Alan Clayton Councillors Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Julie Brickles, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Chris Dixon, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Trevor Fiddler, Ellie Gaunt, Shirley Green, Noreen Griffiths, Peter Hardy, Will Harris, Gavin Harrison, Paul Hayhurst, Karen Henshaw, Angela Jacques, Matthew Lee, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Michelle Morris, Ed Nash, Jayne Nixon, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke, Richard Redcliffe, Bobby Rigby, Michael Sayward, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood, Ray Thomas, Tommy Threlfall, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder, Michael Withers.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Manning, Ian Curtis, Charlie Richards, Lyndsey Lacey- Simone, Curtis Fletcher, Ross McKelvie, Hannah Kirk, Howie Dawson, Kassie Navarasi.
Other Attendees:	Councillor Mark Bamforth (via remote access) 1 member of the public was in attendance

Prayers

Prayers were offered by Ian Curtis, Head of Governance.

Procedural Items

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.

Councillor Elaine Silverwood declared a personal interest in item 4 below relating to Kirkham Futures - Public Realm Phase 1 Works Contract in so far as she has a business in Kirkham.

2. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported that he would welcome donations of tombola prizes for the forthcoming 1940s event.

3. Chief Executive's Communications

The Chief Executive had no communications to report.

Decision Items

4. Kirkham Futures - Public Realm Phase 1 Works Contract

Councillor Richard Redcliffe, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee introduced the report which provided details of the method and cost of financing/progressing the Kirkham Futures - Public Realm Phase 1 Works Contract.

Details regarding this matter including the associated procurement process/evaluation exercise undertaken and the risks to the Council associated with the Phase 1 works were set out in the report.

Included as appendices were (i) Kirkham Futures Steering Group meeting minutes 12th May 2022 and (ii) the LCC LERG Draft Grant Funding Agreement.

In proposing the recommendations outlined in the report, Councillor Redcliffe stated that he wished to place on record his thanks and appreciation to Lancashire County Council for their contribution to the scheme and note that both Fylde Council and Kirkham Town Council had contributed to funding of the wider programme of this scheme.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Trevor Fiddler, Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Councillor Liz Oades in her capacity of Chair of the Kirkham Futures Steering Group highlighted the impact that the Covid pandemic had had on the project. She then went on to express her delight at the commencement of the Phase 1 Scheme and thanked all the officers involved in the project for their hard work.

Following consideration of this matter, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

1. To approve a fully funded capital budget increase of £844,900 into the capital programme (£520,000 in 2022/2023 and £324,900 in 2023/2024) based on the LCC grant contribution to Public Realm phase 1.
2. To approve those officers continuing to seek written confirmation and approval from the Future High Street Fund Team at DLUHC for the transfer of £942,589 for 2022/2023 funding from the Kirkgate scheme of the Kirkham Futures programme to the budget provision for Public Realm phase 1 works.
3. To approve that the Council underwrites the scheme funding sum of £942,589 for 2022/2023 financial year (from the capital investment reserve) in the event that approval is not ultimately confirmed from the Future High Street Fund team at DLUHC for this funding stream to be transferred from the Kirkgate scheme of the Kirkham Futures programme to the budget provision for Public Realm phase 1 works (this underwriting being required in order for the contract to be awarded for delivery of the public realm works).
4. To approve the proposed capital expenditure in 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 with respect to the scheme as outlined in this report of £4,084,676 (£2,513,646 in 2022/23 and £1,571,030 in 2023/24).
5. To approve the award of the Public Realm phase 1 works contract to Eric Wright Civil Engineering Ltd for the sum of £4,084,676 to carry out the scheme as outlined in this report; whilst noting that the progression of Public Realm Phase 1 works is subject to agreement of the Section 278 agreement with LCC.
6. To delegate to the Head of Projects and Regeneration, in consultation with the Kirkham Futures Steering Group, the responsibility to sign off the final plans and drawings for the Phase 1 Public Realm works.

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