

# Minutes

## OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 14 March 2017
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Councillor David Eaves (Chairman) Councillor Albert Pounder (Vice-Chairman)  Councillors Frank Andrews, Julie Brickles, Alan Clayton, Richard Fradley, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, Edward Nash, Sandra Pitman, Thomas Threlfall.
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	Councillor Susan Fazackerley
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Allan Oldfield, Paul Walker, Tracy Morrison, Kathy Winstanley, Darren Bell, Mike Pomfret, Sharon Wadsworth
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	12 members of the public were in attendance during the course of the meeting.

### Public Platform

Under the Public Platform arrangements four members of the public addressed the committee in relation to Item 6, Fairhaven and Church Scar Coastal Defence Project, Item 7, Update on PSPO Consultation, and Item 8, Update on Green Waste Subscription Service.

#### 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 declarations of interest on this occasion.

#### 2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 17 January 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

#### 3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members on this occasion.

### Decision Items

#### 4. The Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015

Kathy Winstanley, Head of Health and Environment, introduced a report detailing the provision for all dogs over the age of eight weeks in England to be fitted with a microchip as required under [section 12](#) of the [Microchipping of Dogs \(England\) Regulations 2015](#). The provision detailed that the keeper was solely responsible for ensuring that a dog was implanted with a microchip and that the details were correctly recorded or updated on a relevant database.

S11(2) of the Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 provided the local authority the power to appoint authorised persons to enforce the regulations under Regulation 12(a) by means of serving a notice requiring a dog owner to have a dog microchipped, correctly, within 21 days. If the dog owner failed to comply with the notice then the option to issue a fine would be available.

Mrs Winstanley clarified that the checking for microchips was routinely done for lost/stray dogs to enable the dogs to be reunited with their owners without the need to be taken to the kennels and further action would only be taken in instances where a lost/stray dog was found and the owner had already received a notice to microchip or to correctly record the information on a relevant database.

Following discussion the committee RESOLVED to delegate authority under regulation 11(2) of the Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 to the Director of Resources to appoint persons to act for the purpose of enforcing the regulations in the council's area.

#### 5. Appointment to Outside Bodies/Working Groups

The Committee were invited to recommend nominations to the various outside bodies/working Groups (within the remit of the committee) for consideration at Full Council. In addition, copies of reports received from members currently serving on outside bodies were also included as an appendix to the report for information.

Councillor Brickles wished to withdraw from the Car Parking working group. Councillor Paul Hodgson volunteered to replace Councillor Brickles on the Car Parking working group.

Councillor Threlfall expressed an interest in being appointed to the new Coastal Project Board.

Following consideration of each outside body in turn, it was RESOLVED to:

1. Recommend the following nominations to the outside bodies for consideration by council:
  - Lancashire Waste Partnership – Councillor David Eaves.
  - Fylde Peninsular Coastal Programme Board – Councillor Albert Pounder.
  - PATROL – Councillor Albert Pounder.
  - Sintropher Working Group – Councillor Albert Pounder.
2. Confirm the continued establishment of the following working groups:
  - Public Space Protection Orders – Dog Control Working Group comprising Councillors David Eaves, Albert Pounder, Alan Clayton, Cheryl Little, Vince Settle, Ben Aitken and Heather Speak.
  - Car Parking Working Group comprising Councillors Alan Clayton, Richard Fradley, Paul Hodgson, Edward Nash, Sandra Pitman and Albert Pounder.
3. Note the reports from members currently serving on outside bodies.
4. Agree to the establishment of a Coastal Project Board to oversee the delivery of the replacement hard sea defences at Fairhaven and Church Scar and to invite the Vice Chairman of the Operational Management Committee and Councillor Thomas Threlfall to sit on the board.

#### Information Items

The following Information Items were received by the committee.

#### 6. Fairhaven and Church Scar Coastal Defence Project

Darren Bell, Head of Technical Services and Mike Pomfret, Project Manager, introduced the report and provided members with a presentation detailing the development, progress and next stage of the project. Illustrations of the potential designs for each area were shown and it was stressed that

the type of coastal defences was determined from an optioneering process prescribed by the Environment Agency and the main purpose of the project was to protect the properties that had been identified as being at the risk from coastal erosion over the next one hundred years.

The main issues identified included –

- The project is progressing, planning application has been submitted, looking to appoint the contractor and start on site in September/October 2017.
- The scheme is an erosion scheme. As with any seawall, wave overtopping has a chance of occurring during storms. Safety signage will be erected warning of the dangers of seawalls/promenades during storms.
- Design, looking at Stepped revetment Fairhaven, sloping revetment at Church Scar, shared footpath/cycleway, 5.5 meter promenade, in and expose aggregate. Consider coloured concrete depending on affordability. Railing Church Scar, open promenade at Fairhaven.
- Funding of £20.8 m has been secured, Granny's Bay and the public realm elements are not funded.
- The scheme has been the subject of extensive consultation during the past 2 years.

7. Feedback on PSPO Consultation on Proposed Dog Control Measures in Fylde

*(This item was taken immediately following Item 4, The Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015)*

The information report updated members on the data received from the consultation. The chairman reiterated that no decisions had been made and further consultation was on going with the Kennel Club, Natural England, Town and Parish Councils and representatives from the local professional dog walking community.

Members discussed the topic in detail before moving onto the next item.

8. Update on Green Waste Subscription Service

The committee received an update on the operational considerations to deliver the green waste subscription service. It was confirmed that the intention is for the council not to accept cash or cheque payment for the service but options for any exceptions are being considered.

9. Car Parking Annual Report 2015/16

The Fylde Parking Annual Report for 2015/16 had been published and was publically available to view on the council website.

10. Lowther Gardens Car Park

The report detailed the notification from Lowther Gardens Trust of their intention to formally take over the operational management of Lowther Gardens Car Park from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

11. The Residents Survey 2016

The outcome of the fifth Resident Survey was reported to the committee.

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