

INFORMATION ITEM

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	11 MARCH 2021	8

FAIRHAVEN HERITAGE LOTTERY PROJECT UPDATE

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Building Works Contract

The construction works have now been progressing for approximately 4 months (including the standard two-week shutdown period over Christmas). The Pagoda building is due to be handed over for the Council and its partners to undertake fit-out works at the end of February 2021. The fit-out works should be completed by the end of March ahead of opening to the public (subject to COVID restrictions). The Watersports Centre is due to be handed over to the Council in May ahead of opening for the summer. The Café programme has been extended to mid-July due to significant additional structural works which were unforeseen during the design process. Additional costs associated with the prolongation will be taken from the project contingency pot.

Landscape Works Contract

The circular pathway has now been completed enabling full pathway access around the entire perimeter of the lake. The first phase of the Japanese Gardens has been completed which included uncovering of all the original stonework around the lake, forming the lagoon and completing the perimeter accessible pathways around the gardens.

A second phase of works is due to be undertaken during March/April 21 which includes edge protection stonework and planting, remediating grass areas and completing the crazy paved pathways within the footprint of the gardens. This second phase of works will also include some trial planting beds. The third phase of the Japanese Gardens will be the completion of the planting, which will be undertaken through the new on-site Gardening team under direction of the Landscape Architect. This is a long-term undertaking as part of the day-to-day responsibilities of the Gardeners which will include trial and error methodology of establishing plants that can survive in the harsh conditions at Fairhaven.

Interpretation

The artwork for all external and internal panels including the heritage timeline has now been finalised and issued to the appointed signage contractors (Links Signs and Graphics). These items are due to be installed throughout March ahead of the Pagoda building opening in April.

We have also appointed an Audio-Visual contractor who will be installing specialist lighting within the Pagoda, alongside monitor installation, installation of the 'Guida' rotating kiosk and specialist seasonal sound programme.

The remaining procurement activities within the Interpretation include the programming and development of the Fairhaven app. The specification of the app and how this interacts with the specialist equipment is being developed ahead of tender release in March.

Activity and Events Programme

Due to the continuing COVID 19 restrictions, there has been no further activity and events at Fairhaven. The Activity and Development Officer has produced a revised plan for the final year of NLHF funded activity and events at Fairhaven. Due to restrictions there is forecasted to be an underspend of the Activity and Events budget. The NLHF have agreed in principle to extend the funded Activity and Events programme to the end of summer 2022.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

A request was made at the Tourism & Leisure Committee held on the 7th September 2017 for a regular information item to be presented to the Committee.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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