

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	11 MARCH 2021	9
BOBBY BALL STATUE UPDATE			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Members of the Tourism and Leisure Committee agreed to the following recommendations at the meeting of 7th January 2021:

1. Agree that Fylde Council would provide Lowther Trust with support in delivering the Bobby Ball Memorial Statue project in the form of communications, publicity, procurement advice/support, and technical advice/support.
2. Note that periodic reports will be brought to the committee to inform members of progress being made towards delivery of the project.

This report provides an update of actions taken to date:

- Officers have assisted Lowther Trust in setting up the 'Just Giving page'
- A site visit at Lowther Gardens has been undertaken with Lowther Trustees, the Ball family and Elected Members to agree the location of the statue
- Preparation of the tender specification document (design brief) has been drafted and will be shared with Lowther Trustees, the Ball family and Elected Members once finalised to ensure that all parties are clear on what is being specified
- The remaining suite of tender documents are currently being prepared by the Councils Procurement Officer and will be shared with Lowther Trust before any tender is advertised, as the Contract once awarded, will be between the artist/sculptor and Lowther Trust
- Once the tender documents have been finalised, it is planned to advertise a two-phase tender based on the donations received. The first phase to include consultation, design and the creation of a small replica statue agreed by all stakeholders to be used for fundraising and the second phase to cover the creation of the main statue, delivery, and installation
- As part of the first phase works, the successful artist/sculptor will then assist in the submission of the planning application, once the details of the statue and the infrastructure are agreed
- Phase two of the tender will be awarded to the incumbent artist/sculptor once the funding is secured
- The Head of Cultural Services and Cllr Fazackerley attend the monthly meeting of Lowther Trust, with the Bobby Ball statue project being a regular Agenda item.

Further updates will be provided periodically to future meetings of the Tourism and Leisure Committee.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Head of Parks, Leisure and Cultural Services

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

To provide the Tourism and Leisure Committee with an update on the Bobby Ball Statue project

FURTHER INFORMATION

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