

Decision Items

4. Lytham Promenade Mussel Tank Improvement Project Progress Report

By way of introduction, Darren Bell (Head of Leisure and Cultural Services) provided an overview of the role of the Council in the Lytham Promenade Mussel Tank Improvement Project. He then invited Marion Coupe and Sue Cornah representatives of the Lytham St Annes Civic Society to brief members on progress to date by the Civic Society with the delivery of the project and provide an overview of the scheme details.

The report (as circulated) also provided an overview of the project and associated financial considerations. It also made reference to the Civic Society's request for the Council to act as the accountable body for the delivery of the project.

Various members commented on key aspects of the project including: the educational benefits, maintenance and security, lighting, value for money and other sources of funding.

After full consideration it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the progress to date by the Lytham St. Annes Civic Society with the Mussel Tank Improvement Project.
2. To agree in principle that the Council will act as accountable body on behalf of the Civic Society in delivering the proposed Mussel Tank Improvement Project.
3. To note that a further report will be presented to the Finance and Democracy Committee seeking approval for a fully funded addition to the capital programme, and a subsequent report will be presented to Tourism and Leisure Committee in due course detailing the full financial and management details of the project before any work is approved or commenced.

5. Lytham Hall Capital Grant Monitoring Report

Darren Bell (Head of Leisure and Cultural Services) introduced the second updated monitoring report on the expenditure of the capital grant awarded to Lytham Hall in August 2011. He then invited Simon Thorpe (Project Manager at Lytham Hall) to provide an overview (via PowerPoint) of the work undertaken with Heritage Trust for the North West since the last monitoring report in January 2014.

Full details of the progress that had been made in line with the project objectives was also set out in the report. In addition, the report made reference to the application submitted by Lytham Hall for a coastal revival fund of £47,000 (set up by Department for Communities and Local Government) to undertake the external painting of the hall, the creation of a joinery workshop and fund the production of a park conservation management plan. Lytham Hall had suggested that if successful in acquiring the funds they would be seeking the Council to act as the accountable body to administer the funding.

Various members commented on key aspects of the project and in particular, the commendable work that had been undertaken so far.

Following consideration of this matter, the Committee RESOLVED:

1. To note the capital grant awarded to Lytham Hall is being spent in accordance with the Heads of Terms as at April 1st 2012 on the restoration project and the required monitoring information has been made available.
2. To agree in principle that the Council will act as accountable body for the Coastal Revival Fund project should it be approved by the Department for Communities and Local Government.