



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 26th September 2024

ECONOMY, CULTURE, AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL (SPECIAL)

15th July 2024 at 10.30am

Present:

Councillor Brookes (in the Chair)

Councillors Bright, Crofts, Jervis, Mickleburgh, Morland and Parkinson

Officers in attendance:

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Warren Chapman (Associate Partner)
- Anson Forrester (Technical Director)
- Jon Freeman (Principal Landscape Architect)
- David Johnston (Associate Director)
- Damien Jaines-White (Assistant Director Regeneration)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance)
- Bev O'Brien (Scrutiny Advisor)

Also in attendance:

- Warren Chapman (Associate Partner)
- Anson Forrester (Technical Director)
- Jon Freeman (Principal Landscape Architect)
- David Johnston (Associate Director)
- Councillor Jackson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills)

There were five members of the public present.

SPE.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

It was noted that at the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 23rd May, 2024, Councillor Brookes had been appointed the Chair and Councillor Parkinson the Deputy Chair of the

Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel for the ensuing Municipal Year.

SPE.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Lindley for this meeting.

SPE.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

SPE.4 CLEETHORPES LEVELLING UP FUND (LUF) – PIER GARDENS CONCEPT DESIGNS

The panel received a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills on feedback from stakeholder engagement and consultation undertaken during the design stage for the Pier Gardens project.

Elected Members raised concerns over the removal of historical activities for families, as well as the public health concerns raised in a recent press release, particularly around antisocial behaviour in the maze. The removal of the maze was acknowledged but the panel questioned the timing of its removal. They wondered whether this was only done because of the upcoming Armed Forces Weekend and asked whether the ecology around removing part of these gardens was considered.

Members enquired about the need for planning permission on some of the structures put forward and asked whether the project cost would be more than what Officers were currently forecasting. They showed concerns over the difficulty Officers may have over appointing external contractors and reiterated how they hoped Officers had thought about the disruption this project may have to residents and visitors coming to the resort.

The Leader and Officers clarified the need to take out the play equipment and the maze. They reassured Members that the removal was done before the season came in for increased footfall. Ecological reports were taken into consideration before the maze was removed. They also explained that the only planning permission they would need would be on one of the structures in the play area, but a pre application presentation had already been presented to the Planning Committee, to help to avoid the implementation of this project being held up.

Councillor Crofts moved for the recommendations within the report to Cabinet be supported along with a further recommendation that once stage four has been completed, the technical design, costs and timescales of the Pier Garden project be referred back for information to the Economy, Culture and Tourism Panel for review. Councillor Mickleburgh seconded this.

The motion was unanimously approved.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET –

That the recommendations within the report to Cabinet be agreed along with a further recommendation that once stage four has been completed, the technical design, costs and timescales of the Pier Garden project be referred back for information to the Economy, Culture and Tourism Panel for review.

SPE.5 CLEETHORPES LEVELLING UP FUND (LUF) – MARKET PLACE CONCEPT DESIGNS

The panel received a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills on feedback from stakeholder engagement and consultation undertaken during the design stage for the Cleethorpes Market Place project.

Members raised concerns over the loss of parking spaces, access for business owners to make sure they could carry on with business needs, traffic flow, and the materials to be used.

Officers reassured Members that there would be no loss to parking as they were planning on utilising parking at other sites. Access to businesses was still available and during works certain measures would be put in place to make sure these businesses could still work as normal. Officers confirmed that they would keep on meeting with businesses throughout the whole process.

Members welcomed the reduction of traffic flow within this area and welcomed the materials that were to be introduced.

Councillor Crofts moved for the recommendations within the report to Cabinet be supported along with a further recommendation that the concept design be progressed as anticipated, to stage 4, noting that particular attention be made to adequate solutions to business needs in terms of reasonable access, parking and servicing, together with thought to real time signage and direction to available car parking spaces. Councillor Mickleburgh seconded this motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET –

That the recommendations within the report to Cabinet be agreed along with a further recommendation that the concept design be progressed as anticipated, to stage 4, noting that particular attention be made to adequate solutions to business needs in terms of reasonable access, parking and servicing, together with thought to real time signage and direction to available car parking spaces.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.13 p.m.