



AGENDA

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Date: Friday, 23 September 2022

Time: 5.00 pm

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1. Levelling Up Parks Fund

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Record of Officer Decision made by the Chief Executive.

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Agenda Item 1

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NAME OF OFFICER MAKING DECISION	Larissa Reed
SUBJECT OF DECISION BEING MADE BY OFFICER	Levelling up Parks Fund
SUMMARY OF OFFICER DECISION AND REASON FOR THAT DECISION	<p>On 1 August 2022, the Government launched the Levelling Up Parks Fund. The purpose of this fund is to give grants to the places the Government have identified as most in need of quality green space.</p> <p>Swale Borough Council has been identified as one of the 85 Councils nationally who meet these criteria.</p> <p>The matter was due to be considered by the meeting of the Environment Committee on 8 September 2022, however just before the committee meeting was due to start, the death of Queen Elizabeth II was announced. The meeting was therefore cancelled.</p> <p>The project proposal needs to be submitted no later than 3 October and it was not practical to reschedule the meeting before the deadline date.</p> <p>The report recommended the following</p> <p>To apply for the Grant for Barton's Point.</p> <p>I have consider the report and have decided to accept the officer recommendation as set out in section 3.1 of the officer report dated 8 September.</p> <p>The reasons for my decision are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal most closely fits the criteria as set out by the Government • The work would lead on from the Levelling Up Bid submitted by Officers. Barton's Point was flagged during Levelling Up Fund consultation as a target for investment, and whilst Beachfields was found to be the best fit for LUF, the desire to invest in Barton's Point was evident • The area stands a reasonable chance of obtaining a Green Flag. • The work would complement other works being undertaken at Barton's Point
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DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	I considered the alternative options set out in the report and rejected them on the same basis as set out in the report
DETAILS OF ANY CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN	<p>The Head of Service and I wrote to all the members of the Committee on 12 September setting out why the Chief Executive would be taking this decision and under what delegation the decision would be made. I asked the members of the committee to advise me of any concerns they had about me taking the decision and their view on what the decision should be. I received no concerns from members about taking the decision.</p> <p>The following members were in favour of the officer recommendation</p> <p>Cllrs, Davey, Eakin, Hall, Knights, Neal, Saunders, Simmons Sarah Stephen. Thomas Valentine, Winckless and Woodford</p> <p>I received no response from Cllrs Darby, Ann Hampshire, Nicholas Hampshire</p> <p>I was therefore satisfied that the decision I made was in line with the decision the committee have indicated they would have made</p>
DETAILS OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS	None
CONTACT FOR ENQUIRIES/FURTHER INFORMATION	Larissa Reed Chief Executive - larissareed@swale.gov.uk
DELEGATED AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH OFFICER IS ACTING	
DELEGATING COMMITTEE OR INDIVIDUAL	Council /constitution
TITLE OF REPORT TO COMMITTEE	Committee system, revised constitution
DECISION/RECOMMENDATION MADE BY COMMITTEE	<p>I am acting under the following delegation</p> <p>2.8.4.12 In emergencies or any other circumstance which makes it impractical for the Council or a Committee to meet, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council or a Committee (save for any decision expressly reserved to Full Council under Statutory or Regulatory provisions), having regard as fully as</p>

	possible to the views of the Members who would otherwise have made the decision.
DATE OF COMMITTEE DECISION	27 April 2022
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