



## Morecambe Town Council

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Proper Officer: Mr Luke Trevaskis

### **Minutes of Environment Committee Meeting of Morecambe Town Council held at Morecambe Town Hall at 7.30pm on the twenty-fourth day of February 2022.**

Present: Councillors C Matthews, M Pattison, P Hart, P Anderton, J Ashworth, P Heath, V Boyd-Power, J Pilling, J Bates, G Dennison, J Hanson.

In attendance: Mr Luke Trevaskis (Proper Officer) and no members of the public.

#### **Minute EC2122-030**

#### **Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr Goodwin

#### **Minute EC2122-031**

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr M Pattison registered an interest as a County Councillor (Item 8).

#### **Minute EC2122-032**

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### **Minute EC2122-033**

#### **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present to make representations.

#### **Minute EC2122-034**

#### **Public Realm Work Schedule**

The Committee approved the Public Realm Work Schedule up to July 2022.

#### **Minute EC2122-035**

#### **Finance**

The budget report for the Committee was accepted:

Budget Line	Budget	Actual
Public Realm Operatives	£47,112.00	£10,678.78
Enforcement Officer	£27,367.00	£0.00
Asset Purchase / Maintenance	£64,933.00	£7,142.13
Backstreet Project	£11,000.00	£0.00
Outdoor Gym Project	£12,000.00	£0.00
CCTV / Security	£2,000.00	£0.00
	£164,412.00	£17820.91

It was noted that the budget for the enforcement officer is due to be expended by month end.

If the Committee approve to move forward with the purchase of a vehicle then the remaining asset purchase budget will be significantly depleted.

There will be an underspend at year end for the public realm operatives due to the mid-year commencement of employment, and the fact that the hmrc/pension payments are not being accounted for in this budget line.

#### **Minute EC2122-036**

##### **Vehicle**

The Committee considered the need for vehicle use in the public realm, and compared the costs and specifications of the Peugeot Boxer, Renault Master, Nissan Townstar, and Ford E-Transit.

The Committee noted the advice that leases on utility vehicles tend not to be cost effective owing to the damage that the vehicles experience when used (ballooning the final payments when returning the vehicle to the leasing company).

The Committee noted the waiting times to purchase some of the electric vans being in excesses of 12-14 months, and resolved to purchase a Renault Master E-tech (fully electric) which was currently in stock (one of two in the country) large enough for public realm use with the capacity to also provide transportation solutions for future council events at a cost of:

Item	Cost + Gov Discount Scheme
Retrofit ply lining (floor and sides), rear sensors & camera	£1,200.00 + VAT
Renault Master E-Tech 57kw Business	£61,055.00 + VAT (less plug-in car grant £5,000)
Extended Warranty 5 Years + Service Plan 5 Years	£1,680.00 + VAT

#### **Minute EC2122-037**

##### **Weeding**

The Committee approved for officers to liaise with Lancashire County Council regarding weeding solutions in Morecambe and whether this is a service that could be delivered by Morecambe Town Council in the future.