









LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 7 AUGUST 2023

REPORT FOR DECISION

PENLEE PARK – EQUIPMENT SALE VIREMENT

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Recommendation:








A virement of £2,300 be made from budget line 131 – Leisure & Amenities, Misc to the Machinery Replacement earmarked reserve.

Background:

Penzance Council recently sold a number of pieces of Penlee Park machinery that were beyond economic repair for the Council. It is recommended that the Leisure and Amenities Committee resolve to transfer these funds to the equipment replacement earmarked reserve to contribute towards future equipment replacement projects.

Ben Brosgall
Leisure and Amenities Manager

LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 7 AUGUST 2023**REPORT FOR DECISION****PENLEE PARK – GARDENERS' ACCOMODATION PROJECT**

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Recommendation:

The Gardeners Accommodation refurbishment project be paused until further notice.

Background:

Quotes have been received for the Gardeners Accommodation refurbishment project in Penlee Park.

All returned quotes have exceeded the total figure budgeted for the work. Attempts have been made to split the specification into its constituent parts and whilst it would be possible to undertake some of these individual elements, there may be limited value in Penzance Council taking this approach to the project.

In addition to the above, the “Penlee Masterplan” Working Group has held discussions regarding the possibility of taking a wider view of Penlee Park as a whole. Opportunities may exist if a wider view of the park and all of the buildings within it are examined.








An example of this might be where Members have previously expressed a wish to try and improve the support facilities around the children’s play area. Following the park refurbishment project in 2022, Penlee playpark has seen a significant increase in use. Whilst this is always encouraging, there are currently a lack of support facilities serving this area.

By pausing the refurbishment project at this point, there will be an opportunity to examine all buildings within the park and cross reference these with the current needs of Penzance Council and any aspirations to improve the park for the betterment of the community using it.

It should be noted that there are certain areas of the accommodation that may require progressing if they deteriorate further. Should this be the case a report will be prepared for a future committee meeting identified individual elements that will need to be progressed. Currently the area in the worst condition is the roof of the building.

Ben Brosgall
Leisure and Amenities Manager

LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 7 AUGUST 2023**REPORT FOR DECISION****SOUTH PIER PUBLIC TOILETS REFURBISHMENT**

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Recommendation:

Quotes be obtained for the individual elements of the proposed refurbishment of South Pier Public Toilets, as set out in this report.

Background:

Currently, South Pier Public Toilets have been identified as the next facility requiring significant renovation and investment. The required works must also be considered alongside the long-term view that the facility may not be required in the long-term future depending on re development works in the vicinity of the harbour. Penzance Council were previously advised that the need for the Public Toilets would be for at least 5 years whilst harbour plans are developed.

The South Pier Public Toilet is a single skin block facility with dated installations. Areas that have been identified for improvement are:

1. Roof Replacement
2. Window Replacement
3. Improvements to the floor
4. Improvements to the installed facilities to include toilets and handwashing facilities.

Currently it is not thought that a disabled access facility could be incorporated into the refurbishment work without taking the building back to its shell and re fitting all internal areas.

The current value of the public toilet earmarked reserve is £59,690. Given the increases in building costs, particularly over the last two years, all of the identified elements (1-4) may not be achievable within the earmarked reserve budget.

Even if all elements are “affordable” within the budget the earmarked reserve for the public toilets will be left at an extremely low value. This may hinder and significant additional improvements to other facilities and the Council’s ability to be able to respond to significant failures within the remaining facilities.

Due to the position of the earmarked reserve, it is recommended quotes are obtained for each individual element and a further recommendation brought back to the committee on which items to progress in the current financial year.

Members should consider the position of the earmarked reserve as part of the 2024/25 budget setting process as it is likely that a significant contribution will be required in order to replenish this reserve.

Ben Brosgall
Leisure and Amenities Manager