








LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 2 DECEMBER 2024

REPORT FOR DECISION

THREE-PHASE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY – PENLEE PARK

Our Culture	Our Decision Making	Our Environment	Our Money	Our People	Our Places	Our Resilience & Wellbeing
						
✓		✓	✓		✓	

Recommendation:

Options be considered to explore the potential to install a three-phase electrical supply in Penlee Park.

Recommendation to the Finance and General Purposes Committee and, subsequently, Penzance Council:

Virements of up to £20,000 be made from the Penlee Park Infrastructure reserve (currently standing at £60,984) to budget line 1015/10 Penlee Park – Capital Projects to install a three-phase electrical supply in Penlee Park.

Background:

There have been historic aspirations to install a three-phase electrical supply in Penlee Park. This was highlighted in the summer of 2024 when further work was undertaken to establish whether power could be supplied to support the Penzance Food Festival. These investigations did not identify a cost-effective option, primarily due to the aim of installing the supply in the lower end of Penlee Park.

Further conversations have been held recently regarding the need for the Coach House project to have a three-phase electrical supply installed in order to sufficiently power the new café.

It is now suggested that the Leisure and Amenities Committee explore the options of funding the installation of the supply, at or near the current Council Office building. A number of reasons to undertake the piece of work are set out below.








- 1) Potential to provide power supply support for future events in Penlee Park
- 2) Potential to explore options for festive lighting in certain areas of Penlee Park
- 3) Reduce the associated costs of the Coach House Project by Leisure and Amenities installing the main supply with the possibility of a smaller piece of work to connect this to the Coach House.

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Leisure and Amenities Manager

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OPEN SPACES STRATEGY

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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Recommendation:

1. The scope of the proposed Open Spaces Strategy document be amended to comply with the categories identified within this report.
2. Said strategy be finalised following the completion of the Princess May Recreation Ground consultation in order to ensure it captures the results and the corresponding strategic aims of Penzance Council.

Background:

A number of Open Spaces Strategy documents produced by other councils have been reviewed by the Leisure and Amenities Manager. Whilst there are forward-looking elements to the some of these documents, they are very much focussed on the current sites and opportunities / weaknesses within them. Providing an inward view of the standards and future opportunities for the existing sites managed by those councils.

Having now completed the devolved transfer of Princess May Recreation Ground we have committed to a community consultation to understand the local community's aspirations for the site in terms of improvements and future management, which can potentially inform our approach to other sites.

Since our initial commitment to develop an Open Spaces Strategy it also needs to be recognised that the significant budgetary challenge for Cornwall Council is having a particular impact on the Environment Service and on Open Space delivery. For example we are currently in discussion regarding additional funding for footpath maintenance, play equipment has been removed from Heamoor Recreation Ground and there is uncertainty over all play areas as well as the future maintenance of Town Deal Public Realm enhancements.

It is therefore suggested that we reconvene the Devolution Working Group, with representation from both the Finance & General Purposes and Leisure & Amenities Committees, to look at future challenges and outline Penzance Councils position both in terms of future role, aspirations but also to understand budget and staffing capacity in order to recommend our future strategy and potential devolution to Penzance Council.

Alongside this forward planning work there is still value in production of an Open Spaces document that looks at the sites currently owned and managed by the Council and puts some context around our aims and performance at those sites.

Categories that would typically form part of the document would include:

- Open Spaces “Vision”
- Health and Safety Management
- Environmental Impact
- Trees
- Hedge Cutting
- Waste / Litter
- Grass Cutting
- Accessibility
- Inclusive Use
- Future investment requirements and opportunities.








Whilst a number of these elements are already addressed through a combination of the Annual Maintenance Plan, reactive maintenance log and earmarked reserves, it may be of benefit for Members for some of the key elements of these documents to be brought into an Open Spaces Policy document.

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WELLFIELDS CAR PARK – QUARTERLY PARKING PERMITS

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Recommendation:

The number of quarterly permits issued for Wellfields Car Park be capped at sixty-five per quarter and provided on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.

Background:

Wellfield’s Car Park has increased in popularity in recent years and this is as a result of a combination of factors. However, Penzance Council continues to offer competitive pricing for people who want to spend a larger amount of time in Penzance, or those who live or work in the town.

At present the car park has 162 spaces including 4 spaces for blue badge holders. An all-day ticket costs £2.50 and a quarterly ticket costs £100. If the car park is used daily, the quarterly permit would present a saving of approximately £80 across the quarter.

The quarterly permit numbers have gradually risen, having historically been fairly static at around 50 tickets. Currently 63 Quarterly have been sold for the current quarter and this represents just over 40% of the available spaces within the car park.

At times we have seen that Wellfield’s Car Park becomes very full, sometimes with no spaces remaining at all. Part of this is due to the increasing number of quarterly permits being issued. By capping the number of permits, we will hopefully help to keep the number of daily spaces available, relatively high.

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