

UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTE 38 – 2020-21 EVENTS PROGRAMME UPDATE

Extract from Cabinet minutes of 4/12/2019

DECISION That the Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC) recommendation of an increase of £27,000 expenditure for the 2020/21 Events Programme be agreed, subject to a report being submitted to the next meeting of BTAC including detailed costings for the programme and published as part of the public agenda papers.	Portfolio Holder and Officer AS / PP
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A recommendation from the Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC) had been referred to Cabinet at its meeting on 23 October regarding the 2020/2021 events programme and seeking approval for an additional £27,000 of expenditure to support the proposed programme.

As the proposed expenditure was above the delegated limit of £10,000 the recommendation was referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Cabinet resolved to defer the decision to the next Cabinet meeting for a detailed report on the proposed events and associated expenditure to be produced.

BTAC had met on 27 November 2019 and resolved to re-affirm its previous decision of approving an additional £27,000 expenditure for the 2020/21 Events Programme, for referral back to Cabinet in the expectation that the new Portfolio holder would be able to answer any questions from Cabinet Members .

BTAC further resolved that should the recommendation be not approved the Chairman's proposal for an increase of £9,999.99 for the 2020/21 Events Programme be approved in order that the programme was not delayed, which would not require Cabinet approval.

Concern was expressed regarding the detailed information requested at the last meeting of the Cabinet not being provided with the papers for the item, which did not support a transparent decision making process.

It was confirmed that the information relating to the proposed events in the 2020/21 events programme and associated expenditure had been provided to the Chairman of BTAC and with the Chairman's agreement, to the Portfolio Holder who was supportive of the proposals.

Councillor Goodale, Chairman of BTAC, addressed Cabinet to confirm that the information was based on historical data and were assumptions to base the 2020/21 budget on. The budget figure was a total allocation for each event, it was not possible to identify exact expenditure on specific items until it had been spent. At the

meeting of BTAC on 27 November the Chairman had informed Members that the budget information was available, but there had been no request to receive it.

It was proposed and seconded that Cabinet adjourn to allow time for the information requested to be collated.

On the meeting being reconvened concern was expressed that the information should have been provided by BTAC. Therefore it was proposed to support the original BTAC recommendation for the additional £27,000 of expenditure, subject to a report being submitted to the next meeting of BTAC to include detailed costings for the events programme and published as part of the public agenda papers.

(Councillor Martin Griggs declared an interest in the above item on the grounds of being a member of BTAC and voting in favour of the recommendation at its meetings on 2 October 2019 and 27 November 2019, and took no part in the Cabinet discussion or vote thereon.)