

SUBJECT: MALANDRY CLOSSES – PARKING INCOME

DIRECTORATE: COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To confirm the balances of income available for works on the commons arising from car parking income, and to suggest a way forwards to develop a work programme to spend the balances.
- 1.2 Views are also sought on a parking price increase.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report sets out the income that has been attracted by Lincoln City Football Club (LCFC) match day parking.
- 2.2 It recommends a consultation period and then the development of a work plan that underpins both the management plan and potentially other aspirations of Commons Advisory Panel (CAP).
- 2.3 It also invites comment on a proposal to increase car parking charges, and thus income.

3. Background

- 3.1 CAP has previously supported a proposal to let LCFC use Malandry Closes for match day parking, subject to the area used not exceeding that permitted in the governing Act, and on the basis that the income achieved be 'ring fenced' for commons projects.
- 3.2 LCFC are self-managing for the parking work, and currently charge £3 to park for the game. They then give to the Council £2 for each car parked. This is 'ring fenced' income.
- 3.3 LCFC open and close gates, and staff the site when in use. The Council monitors the use of the site periodically.

4. Income and Proposals.

- 4.1 Currently balances from income are £26,652.
- 4.2 The Council would like to invite suggestions for projects suitable for

consideration within a new work programme on which to base the spending of the above.

- 4.3 Members of CAP are therefore invited to provide ideas for works they would like to see progressed, by no later than 13th July 2018.
- 4.4 After 13th July the Council will draft a work programme that it considers appropriate, having reference to the work already known, including suggestions and the work identified in the adopted management plan.
- 4.5 This will be developed into a report for the next meeting of CAP to consider, after which the work will be organised.
- 4.6 Additionally LCFC have asked if the Council would have any objection to them increasing the parking price for next season. They have noted their operating costs and consider that an increase would help them to cover costs, whilst at the same time providing enhanced income for the commons.
- 4.7 They would like to increase the charge to £4, with the commons receiving £2.50 per car.
- 4.8 The Council welcomes the views of CAP on the details of section 4 specifically:
 - a) The development of a work programme
 - b) LCFC's proposal to increase charges and contributions.

5. Strategic Priorities

5.1 Let's Drive Economic Growth

N/A

5.2 Let's Reduce Inequality

N/A

5.3 Let's Deliver Quality Housing

N/A

5.4 Let's Enhance our Remarkable Place

The income derived from parking on Malandry Closes supports work in the management plan that the council would not otherwise be able to fund in this financial year. This income therefore has potential to contribute positively to this strategic priority.

5.5 High Performing Services

N/A

6. Organisational Impacts

6.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

The income available is £26,652.

6.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

The commons are governed by the Lincoln City Council Act 1985. None of the work proposed impinges on that legislation.

6.3 Land, Property and Accommodation

The work programme supports the management plan for the site.

6.4 Human Resources

N/A

6.5 Equality, Diversity & Human Rights (including the outcome of the EA attached, if required)

N/A

6.6 Significant Community Impact

N/A

6.7 Corporate Health and Safety implications

N/A

7. Risk Implications

7.1 i) Options Explored:

Spending the funds in support of the management plan.

Not spending the funds in support of the management plan.

Preferred approach- Spending the funds in support of the management plan.

7.2 (ii) Key Risks Associated with the Preferred Approach

It adds a work burden to the community services section not covered by the service plan. Staff will be required to absorb this additional work.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That CAP shows support for the council's proposal to spend the parking income in support of the management plan.

8.2 That CAP invites members to send the council any details they wish to be

considered for the work programme by no later than 13th July

8.3 That CAP expresses a view on the increased parking charges as set out in paragraph 4.7 above and asks the Council to consider this view in its deliberations.

Is this a key decision? No

Do the exempt information categories apply? No

Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? None

List of Background Papers: None

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