

Cabinet Meeting

Addendum to Item 8 C/20/65 - Wednesday 20th January 2021

Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds Charity Beach Hut Project Update

The Council approved a capital contribution (loan) of £500k to the Charity in November 2019 which is to be repaid over a period of 10 years. This funding supports the charity in its beach huts project at Marine Parade at a projected cost of £500k.

The Charity Trustees considered an update tonight regarding the scheme under an addendum to paper FPPG/20/01. The scheme is almost complete and has resulted in an uplift in the number of beach chalets. There is a higher than anticipated demand for the chalets and they are expected to be leased out for use in Summer 2021 on two-year term.

The overall cost of the scheme has increased by £43k as the cost to renovate the 27 existing beach huts was higher than originally anticipated. This has been reported to Cabinet via in-year monitoring and the current position (£43k overspend) has been incorporated into this update to the MTCP (Cabinet paper C/20/65).

Trustees have been advised that whilst there has been a slight overspend on the project, it is not anticipated that this will have a material impact on the charity given the ten year payback period of the loan and the long-term income generation that the scheme will deliver.

This addendum seeks to propose to Cabinet an additional recommendation to:

- 3. To agree to extend the loan to Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds Charity by £43k to support the completion of the beach huts project at Marine Parade.**