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FULL COUNCIL

24 FEBRUARY 2016

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Bruce Dowling in the Chair, Councillors Rogers, Batsford, Cartwright, Charlesworth, Chowney, Clark, Davies, Forward, Howard, Poole, Dowling, Roberts, Sabetian, Scott, Sinden, Street, Turner, Webb, Westley, Wincott, Charman, Fitzgerald, Beaver, Lee, Beaney, Atkins, Edwards, Clarke and Pragnell

Apologies for absence were noted for Councillor Cooke

36. BYELAWS FOR THE PROMENADE AND SEASHORE

The Assistant Director for Regeneration and Culture submitted a report on byelaws for the promenade and seashore.

The existing bylaws were now considered to be difficult to understand for members of the public, applying inappropriate levels of penalty and in some cases were no longer relevant. It was therefore proposed to replace the existing bylaws with two model byelaws, covering a range of activities on the seashore and promenade.

The proposed byelaws had been subject to an internal consultation within the council and the Foreshore Trust and Coastal User Group. The draft byelaws had also been subject to extensive consultation with relevant emergency services, local disability groups, sports and leisure users of the promenade and seashore and the wider public.

The results had been submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) as part of the council's application for provisional approval. The DCLG had now granted provisional approval. Once the byelaws have been adopted by Full Council, they will be sealed and the council will place a further public notice of its intention to apply to the DCLG for formal confirmation of the byelaws. Following a further month long consultation period, it is likely that the DCLG will then confirm the byelaws and the date they will come into effect.

Councillor Poole proposed approval of the recommendations to the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Culture's report, which was seconded by Councillor Westley.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the council approve the making and adoption of the Byelaws for Promenades and the Byelaws for the Seashore

The reason for this decision was:

The Byelaw (Alternative Procedure) (England) Regulations 2016 will come into force on 3 March 2016. This means that the Byelaws need to be sealed before that date to ensure that they can follow the process under Section 236(4) Local Government Act 1972.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 5.37 pm)

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