

To Councillor Patmore  
 Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION RULES**  
**KEY DECISIONS**  
**RULE 26.20 –general exceptions.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given under Rule 26 of the Access to Information Rules contained in the Council’s Constitution that the following key decision will be taken at Charity Committee on: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Charity Committee

The following reports need to be considered in conjunction with each other:

- (1) Foreshore Trust Playground Renewal Scheme 2024/25
- (2) Evaluation of Foreshore Trust Large Grants programme

<u>Decision</u>	<u>Consultation and Timetable</u>	<u>Working Papers and files</u>	<u>Responsible Officer / Portfolio Holder</u>
(1)  1. That for the 24/25 financial year the Foreshore Trust allocates a budget of £225k for a renewal scheme for the play equipment at the main Pelham playground  2. To proceed to direct contract award for a playground contractor on a framework available through the East Sussex Procurement Hub	The Charity Committee needs to consider the possible implications i.e. pausing or reducing the grants schemes for 2024/25 in order to resource to resource this scheme. This could impact on external organisations’ abilities to deliver their aims. In addition, there is currently insufficient staff resource to oversee the contract award and delivery of the scheme and a nominal level of additional staff resource will be required on a fixed term basis until the scheme is completed.		Deputy Chief Executive  Charity Committee Chair

<p>(2)</p> <p>That the Charity Committee notes the evaluation and discusses the implications for any future Large Grant programme</p>	<p>The current large grant programme is coming to a close at the end of this financial year and there is a question mark around future funding given the current challenges and priorities in the town.</p> <p>Recommendations have been made which intend to inform the Charity Committee as it considers its budgets for future years against ongoing priorities.</p>		<p>Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Charity Committee Chair</p>
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Signed   
 Chief Legal Officer

Dated 08/09/23

**Note:**

Rule 26.20 General Exception

If a matter which is likely to be a key decision has not been included in the forward plan, then subject to Rule 26.21 (special urgency), the decision may still be taken if:

- (a) the decision must be taken by such a date that it is impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the next forward plan and until the start of the first month to which the next forward plan relates;
- (b) the Chief Legal Officer has informed the chair of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or if there is no such person, each member of that committee in writing, by notice, of the matter to which the decision is to be made; and
- (c) the Chief Legal Officer has made copies of that notice available to the public at the offices of the Council; and
- (d) at least five clear days have elapsed since the Chief Legal Officer complied with (b) and (c).

Where such a decision is taken collectively, it must be taken in public.