

CHARITY COMMITTEE
22 APRIL 2013

Present: Councillors Gurney, Hodges (in the Chair) and
Kramer. Also in attendance Mr Chris May, Protector.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March
2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

36 WHITE ROCK BATHS

The Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy submitted a report on a proposal from Hastings Pier Charity for partial use of the White Rock Baths and to seek approval for delegated powers to pursue this.

The report contained details on the occupation of a portion of the White Rock Baths as a showroom to promote and provide information about the restoration of the Pier.

Hastings Pier Charity is obliged by funders to establish the showroom in conjunction with the initial works to repair the Pier structure, and an urgent decision on this proposal was sought to make the building habitable in sufficient time.

Monica Adams-Acton, Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy, informed the committee of an amendment to the report. Paragraph 11a. delete the words "This option would enable access to the toilet and store by other potential users".

The Head of Finance advised that £2,500 had been incurred in respect of the marketing budget which would increase the call on the existing budget to £7,500 rather than the £5,000 as detailed in the report.

Councillor Kramer sought clarification on the duration of the lease and requested that the rental is agreed by the Charity Committee.

Councillor Kramer moved an amendment to the recommendation with the deletion of the words "the Chair of" before the words "the Charity Committee", which was seconded by Councillor Gurney.

RESOLVED (unanimously) – that:

- 1. that delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration in consultation with the Charity Committee, and subject to satisfactory heads of terms for a lease being agreed, to:**
 - a. progress the proposal for a 5-year tenancy by the Hastings Pier Charity of a portion of the internal promenade level of the White Rock Baths; and**

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- b. the tendering and awarding of contracts to effect the necessary repairs, installation of services and other physical works to enable occupation of that part of the building, subject to tender costs being within previously approved budgets.**
- 2. That if the lease and repairs of the building go ahead, the marketing of the White Rock Baths is deferred.**
- 3. That the £25,000 grant to the Hastings Pier Charity towards the costs of a temporary structure be withdrawn.**

Reason for the decision: -

A proposal has been received from the Hastings Pier Charity (HPC) relating to occupation of a portion of the White Rock Baths as a showroom to promote and provide information about the restoration of the Pier.

The HPC is obligated by funders to establish the showroom in conjunction with the initial works to repair the Pier structure, and an urgent decision on this proposal is required if the building is to be made habitable in sufficient time.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm)