

**Agenda Item No:** 11

**Report to:** Charity Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 9 December 2013

**Report Title:** Finance Report

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### **Purpose of Report**

To advise members of the Committee on the current year's financial position (2013/14).

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### **Recommendation(s)**

- 1. The current financial position for 2013/14 to be accepted.**
- 2. To agree the amendments to the Business Plan resulting in expenditure 2013/14 and 2014/15 on the:-**

**Pelham Playground resurfacing;  
Railings at Rock a Nore 2014/15;  
Credit Card machines in the Trust's car parks;  
Removing/re-profiling 2013/14 spend.**

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

The Council has the responsibility for the proper management of the financial affairs of the Trust.

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## Introduction

1. The Foreshore Trust derives its income mainly from car parking and property leases/licences, and these are the key variables in the Trust's income.
2. The financial position is reported at each full meeting of the Charity Committee.

## Financial Position 2013/14

3. The budget was agreed at the 25 March 2013 Committee meeting. In brief, income was budgeted at £1,094K and expenditure at £950K. The budgeted surplus for the year being £144K (before grants and use of reserves).
4. Currently total income is estimated at £1,080K and expenditure at £974K. The estimated surplus for the year is £106K, after direct governance costs, but before distribution of grants and before use of Reserves.
5. The monitoring statements attached show that the total balances on the Trust accounts at 31 March 2013 amounted to £1,987K of which £1,503K was effectively held in cash. With an estimated revised operating surplus of £106K in 2013/14 (before grants) and programmed expenditure now of some £673K in 2013/14, the estimated cash balance at 31 March 2014 will be £906K.
6. A revised Business plan was presented at the meeting held on 30th September. This included the revision to the main programme to £673K (from £435K in 2013/14). The items that have been added include: The Big Beach Project £173K, Transforming the Stade Open Space £20K and Environmentally Sustainable Tourism £25K. A further £20K has been included in 2013/14 for the completion of Pelham Place Car Park (a carry forward of work not completed as at 31 March 2013).

## Business Plan 2013/14 and 2014/15

7. Further revisions to the Business Plan (main programme) are proposed, namely:
  - Pelham play ground resurfacing £35K discussed at the meeting of the 30th September to be brought forward to 2013/14
  - Railings at Rock a Nore £40K to be undertaken in 2014/15
  - Installation of credit card machines at Trust car parks (£15K) to be undertaken in 2013/14
  - Offsetting savings are to be made by removing or re-profiling items from the main programme
  - Re-profiling into 2014/15 of White Rock baths related expenditure (£50k each from concrete repairs and waterproofing). Savings of £30K from reduced sewage reinstatement and £30K from reduction in tenant fit out contributions.
8. Revision to maintenance projects in 2013/14, reducing/re-profiling so the revised estimate for 2013/14 is £68.5K (from £80K).

9. All priorities are subject to agreement by the Committee.

## Use of Surpluses

10. The Trust has a duty to maintain its assets and only thereafter to consider the use of any surpluses for the benefits of the community.

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### Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

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### Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

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### Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No

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### Background Information

Appendix 1 - Financial Summary - Monitoring Report  
Appendix 1A - Detailed - Monitoring Report  
Appendix 2 - Business Plan - Financial Summary

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