



Portfolio Holder Report

The portfolio holder will make a decision on this item after seven days have elapsed (including the date of publication).

Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
Mark Billington, Service Director People and Places	Cllr Alan Vincent, Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder	29 September 2017

Adoption of the Sir Peter Hesketh-Fleetwood Statue

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval for the installation and annual maintenance of a statue of Sir Peter Hesketh-Fleetwood in Euston Park, Fleetwood.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Support a community-led arts project which will enhance Euston Park and public engagement with local heritage.

3. Recommendation/s

- 3.1 That the council adopt the statue of Sir. Peter Hesketh-Fleetwood and undertake annual maintenance.

4. Background

- 4.1 Originally, Fleetwood existed as coastal dunes with no significant settlement until the 1830s when Sir. Peter Hesketh-Fleetwood conceived a new, planned town. In recognition of his efforts to establish Fleetwood as a new town on the Fylde coast it is proposed that a bronze statue of him be installed in Euston Park.

- 4.2 A Committee made up of members of Fleetwood Civic Society, Fleetwood Rotary and Fleetwood Museum Trust are overseeing the commission and installation of the statue which is programmed for May 2018. All costs for the planning, creation and installation of the statue will be met by the Committee who have commissioned the Lancaster-based sculptor Alan Ward to create the statue. The total cost of the project is expected to be £36,375. The Committee received planning permission Ref: 17/00414/FUL 5 July 2017 to erect the statue in the park. Officers have supported the

Committee in agreeing the location of the statue, advising on funding and applying for planning permission.

- 4.3** The council has been approached by the Committee for permission for the erection of a statue of Sir Peter Hesketh-Fleetwood in Euston Park. The Committee have also sought an agreement for the council to undertake annual maintenance associated with cleaning.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** An Agreement between the council and the Sir Peter Hesketh-Fleetwood Statue Committee will stipulate the terms for carrying out and completing the installation as well as obligations to undertake annual maintenance.
- 5.2** The council's obligation will be limited to annual maintenance and the cost for this will be absorbed within existing revenue parks and open spaces budgets. It is anticipated that the durability of the materials will mean that the statue will remain in perpetuity. Should substantial repair or replacement be required the cost will be met through fundraising and not from council reserves. Subject to any necessary safety restrictions, access to the gardens will be maintained during the installation and maintenance of the statue.
- 5.3** A formal agreement will be drawn up outlining the responsibilities of each party (the council and the Committee). The agreement will address installation, maintenance, transfer of titles (the Committee members will transfer ownership of the statue to the council), project supervision, insurance and other issues as necessary.

6. Delegated functions

- 6.1** The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution): "To consider the Council's strategic direction in relation to asset management including the management, repair, maintenance and use of the Council's land and buildings."

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	There are no additional costs associated with this report, as any maintenance will be contained within existing budgets.
Legal	As set out in the report, a formal agreement will be drawn up outlining the responsibilities of each party which will address installation, maintenance, transfer of titles, project supervision, insurance and other issues as necessary.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	✓
climate change	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

List of appendices

None

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