

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Name of Officer:

Directorate:

Relevant Portfolio Holder:

Date of Decision

Subject of decision:

Officer Delegation Ref:

Decision made:

Officer Delegation Ref: DCS301E

To award £60k of the Dreamland budget to Sands Heritage Limited to undertake works consummate to that of signage and interpretation for the Dreamland site.

Reasons for the Decision:

Sands Heritage Limited have acquired a number of artefacts and serendipity associated with the Dreamland site which can be up-cycled and utilised within the context of the Dreamland project and will form part of the completed park offering. Sands have a good knowledge of the site and the relevant expertise and resources, as well as a track record of delivery in relation to tourist projects which the Council is lacking. The payment of this grant will be funded from council reserves.

The initial decision was incorrect and this change clarifies the situation.

NB: The correction related to the nature of the funding source, which had no material effect on the decision. This occurred in May 2015.

Alternative options considered and why they were rejected when the decision was made:

The Council could have opted to pay another third party or undertaken the works themselves, neither of these is desirable because they do not have the artefacts or serendipity for up-cycling and it would be difficult to find another organisation that could deliver the project in the timescale available.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted by the officer making the decision and of any dispensation granted to that executive Member by the Head of Paid Service:

None

Please attach any report considered when making the decision (if applicable):

The budget in relation to signage and interpretation has remained unchanged and has been included within various Dreamland budget reports and forms part of the capital programme.

The PR marketing budget was originally allocated to the Dreamland Trust, but now Sands are the proposed concessionaire the budget for this element will be reallocated.

If you are aware this decision relates to a previous decision, please advise who took that decision and approximately when the decision was taken in the box below:

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