

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF DECISION**



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Date: 20 November 2022	Ref No: 801
Responsible Officer: Graham Schoon	
Type of Decision (please refer to MO Guidance):	
Key <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Freedom of Information Status: <i>(can the report go in the public domain)</i> Yes	
Title/Subject matter: Installing duck food vending machine at Clarence Lido, Bury.	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	No
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	Yes
(iv) Is the decision significant and/or does it meet the £100,000 threshold for recording?	No
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No

Summary:

Ramsbottom Angling Association have a lease for a classroom and fishing rights at Clarence Lido and have approached the Council and asked if they can install a duck food vending machine.

Feeding the wildfowl at Clarence Lido is a popular activity with visitors. Unfortunately, a downside of this is that large amounts of bread is fed which adversely affects the health of the birds and the water quality.

The Feed the Ducks Initiative (FTDI) provides duck food vending machines which dispense healthy food for feeding to the wildfowl.

<https://www.feedducks.com/>

FTDI supply, maintain and replenish the unit which is solar powered. The unit takes a card payment by means of a contactless terminal and then dispenses a handful of duck food.

Ramsbottom Angling Association will install the unit at no cost to the Council.

The charge is £1 per vend of which 90% is retained by FTDI to cover running costs and 10% is given to local community organisations to support the park.

In this case the remaining 10% will be given to Ramsbottom Angling Association to help them cover the costs of operating the fishery. This includes their popular junior angling coaching scheme, electricity to power the aerators, stocking with fish and managing vegetation to improve water quality.

A similar unit is installed in Corporation Park, Blackburn and conversations with the park manager indicate that it has been welcomed by visitors and has not caused any problems.

Wards affected: Moorside


Consultations:

Scrutiny & Review Committee Interest:

Options considered:

Decision

Permission is requested for Council to grant permission to Ramsbottom Angling Association to install a Feed the Ducks Initiative vending machine at Clarence Lido and receive 10% of the gross income to further the Associations work at the Lido.

Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Director or Chief/Senior Officer		16/01/23
Members Consulted [see note 1 below]		
Cabinet Member		
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**
3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.