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Decisions leading to Highcliffe beach hut project to be examined

The decisions behind the project to construct twelve beach huts at Highcliffe in partnership with Plum Pictures are to be examined following a resolution by Christchurch Council's Scrutiny and Policy Overview Committee.

A report to the Committee suggested that a review group consisting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Scrutiny and Policy Overview Committee, Cllr Colin Jamieson and Cllr Lesley Dedman, along with Chief Executive David McIntosh, be set up.

The group will consider the decision making process which led to the project, the information which was provided to committees and the Council during the project, the cost implications of the project to the Council and the scope of the agreement between Plum Pictures Ltd and the Council.

Cllr Colin Jamieson said: "We understand that the proposed Highcliffe beach hut project has raised concerns with some members of the public along with some members of the Council so we will be looking into the process behind the project in detail to identify exactly what has happened.

"A report will then go back to a special meeting of the Scrutiny and Policy Overview Committee in September. We intend this review to be as open and transparent as possible so that members of the public can be made aware of the facts. However we do recognise that there may be many elements of the review that will contain confidential financial or legal information and those matters will need to be discussed in closed sessions."