

APPENDIX D

“Project Mandate”

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Service :
Central

Status: Prepared for PFA to consider

Subject: Refurbishment and improvements to Footbridge at embankment off
Asfordby Rd

1 Purpose of report

Ensure that funds are available for the refurbishment & improvement of the above bridge construction to prevent further deterioration to its physical condition and enable it to be safely used as a footpath link across the river Eye.

2 Recommendations

£59,000 is earmarked in the Capital budget for the above work in 2015/16.

3 Background

An insurance claim in 2014 resulted in investigations into legal ownership of the bridge with a legal conclusion that MBC has ownership. Subsequently MBC undertook some immediate repairs to ensure the safety of the bridge and Gleeds have now completed a condition survey on the bridge identifying certain works required.

A 5 year planned maintenance programme has been completed on the Bridge identifying external works of repair required for the ongoing maintenance requirements. A second independent opinion was sought given the costs of the works. Some of which are preventative.

The main recommended works comprise of the following:

Construction of structural piers to the retaining wall

Structural design and access requirements

Rub down and decoration of steel supports

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4 Legal, financial and IT implications

Legally MBC is responsible for repairing and maintaining the bridge, it is an expensive undertaking and requires specialist consultant advice due to the nature of its construction. We should be on the look out for funding opportunities for this type of community asset.

The footpath sign at the embankment is shown as a permissive footpath rather than a public footpath and during inspections it has been evident that this footpath is popular with walkers and well used.

Financial – An ongoing financial liability

5 Initial Assessment of risk

The structure is currently safe, however the survey recommends a series of maintenance works.

The structure has no economic use however it is a well used local amenity. The survey is such that there is nothing in the report to suggest that MBC would be at significant risk if works were delayed into a later year. However, the works will need to be addressed in the near future.

6 Equalities and diversity and staffing implications

None
