

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

meeting date: 14 SEPTEMBER 2021
title: REFERENCE FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE –
BRUNGERLEY PARK
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider a reference from Community Services Committee in respect of a request for approval to rectify a significant issue with a main access route through Brungerley park.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Service committees manage their services within the budgets agreed at the beginning of the financial year. The budget for 2021/22 was approved by Special Policy and Finance Committee on 2 February 2021 and by Full Council on 2 March 2021.
- 2.2 Any revenue or capital expenditure over and above what has already been approved must be agreed by Policy and Finance Committee.

3 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE 24 AUGUST 2021

- 3.1 The report to committee explained that the steps linking the lower and upper paths in Brungerley Park are in a poor state. They have been closed for several weeks after an assessment was carried out. Substantial works are required and the request is for the scheme to be added to the capital programme.
- 3.2 An estimate of £13,100 has been obtained to properly rebuild the steps with concrete treads, plus a drain alongside to stop water erosion. It is recommended that a handrail be installed as part of the work for a further £9,800. Due to the unpredictability in the current supply chain, officer advice is that it would be prudent to add a contingency of 10% to the costings. This results in a budget request of £25,200.
- 3.3 At its meeting, Community Services Committee considered the report and resolved that:

'RESOLVED: That Committee

1. Approve the proposed rebuilding of the steps at Brungerley Park, Clitheroe, and
2. Agree to the rebuilding work being carried out in the current financial year and refer the capital budget request for £25,200 to Policy & Finance committee.

- 3.4 It is proposed that the scheme be funded from the Business Rates Growth Earmarked Reserve.

4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Approve the request for additional capital budget of £25,200 in respect of the steps rebuilding work at Brungerley Park and that this be funded from the Business Rates Growth Earmarked Reserve.

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