

Hambleton District Council

Report To: Cabinet

Date: 13 April 2021

Subject: **Brompton Town Council Funding for a Replacement Footbridge**

Portfolio Holder: Planning
Councillor D A Webster

Wards Affected: Northallerton North and Brompton

1.0 Purpose and Background

- 1.1 This report seeks support for a proposition from Brompton Town Council (BTC) for a one-off case for £28,800 to enable them to replace the footbridge over Brompton Beck at Water End in advance of receiving Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments.
- 1.2 An engineer's report to BTC in January 2021 confirmed that the existing footbridge had to be closed due to structural failings and that replacement of the bridge and repairs to the foundations is the most appropriate way forward.
- 1.3 BTC do not have the funds available to pay for the works. BTC request that the funds that are anticipated to be released during 2021/22 arising from CIL on the North Northallerton development be made available as an 'advance' to enable them to commission the replacement bridge. This will enable them to reduce the time the community will not be able to cross the beck without a detour to other bridges.
- 1.4 The Community Infrastructure Levy Funds will be released to Brompton Town Council when the land required for the infrastructure is brought within public ownership. This is expected to take place by May 2021 with respect to the land required for the new primary school. The transfer of the new link road and bridge was expected to take place in October 2021 but has been delayed.

2.0 Link to Council Priorities

- 2.1 The proposed works that would benefit from the expenditure link to three of the Council's priorities and they would contribute to enhancing health and wellbeing, caring for the environment and providing a special place to live.

3.0 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 There are no significant risks associated with the proposed funding.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The Council has identified a £160,000 in the Community Infrastructure Levy reserve, recorded in the 8 September 2020 Cabinet report, to be provided to Brompton Town Council and Northallerton Town Council arising from the North Northallerton Development. This is sufficient to enable the Council to provide £28,800 of funding from the One-Off Fund to Brompton Town Council in advance of the Community Infrastructure Levy being available. When the CIL money becomes available the Council will be reimbursed.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no significant legal issues associated with this report.

6.0 Equality/Diversity Issues

6.1 Equality and Diversity Issues have been considered however there are no issues associated with this report.

7.0 Recommendation

7.1 That Cabinet approves £28,800 to Brompton Town Council for the costs incurred for a replacement footbridge in advance of CIL funds becoming available.

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Background papers: None

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