

Title of Report: Update – Park Pedestrian Bridge	Officer Presenting: Head of Environment Author: Head of Environment
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To update Members with regard to the 'footstick bridge' located at Park village and damaged during the flooding of 2017.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will recall the severe flooding event of August 2017 during which a number of Council owned assets across the district were damaged. Whilst Council have been able to effect repairs to a significant number of facilities there are others that require detailed technical assessment before and if repairs can be carried out. The pedestrian bridge at Park is one such facility.
- 2.2 As a result of the flooding the bridge was completely dislodged during the severe flooding event of August 2017 and deposited downstream from its original footings.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 In consideration of the damage caused officers have concerns relating to the abutments that the bridge had previously sat on and specifically whether the bridge can be reinstated on these existing structures and in addition if the bridge itself has suffered any structural damage during dislodgement.
- 3.2 As part of a wider review of flood damaged structures across the district Council has engaged a specialist consultant team to examine each of the damaged facilities / structures reporting back on the damage caused, options for repair / replacement and indicative costs for same.
- 3.3 The bridge at Park is one of the structures that the consultant team are reviewing in terms of the above with officers their initial report and recommendations shortly.

- 3.4 Once this information has been provided Officers will be in a position to bring forward recommendations to Council on how best to address / resolve the issues that the damage to the bridge has had on the local community.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

- 4.1 There are no other Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs or other Implications associated with this item at this time.
- 4.2 Officers will of course bring back a further report to Members for consideration once the report from the consultants has been received.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are asked to note the detail above.

Background Papers