

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT** held on 17 June 2021

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor C Renwick

Also in attendance – Councillor A Sutton

**01/21** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 11 March 2021.

**02/21** **REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF BROWNS BRIDGE, HIGH PEAK JUNCTION ON THE CROMFORD CANAL** Brown's Bridge was a hand operated, swing bridge on the Cromford Canal at High Peak Junction. The bridge pivots on a cast iron base with wrought iron balls which were badly worn, the operation of the bridge required at least three members of Friends of Cromford Canal (FoCC), who operated the trip boat (Birdswood) between Cromford Wharf and Leawood Pump House, to push it open and shut.

FoCC with the agreement of the Countryside Service, the Council's Structures Team and Heritage England have been exploring a scheme to fit a modern bearing to the bridge that preserves the original pivot and bearing and has conducted a procurement exercise. The returned tenders were significantly higher than expected with the cheapest tender quote being £72,000. FoCC has reviewed the costs within the tender and believed that it could reduce this figure by £10,000, bringing the project cost down to £62,000.

FoCC has advised Council officers it could commit £15,000 towards the project leaving a shortfall in funding of £47,000. Unfortunately, a Lottery application for the balance was unsuccessful.

The Countryside Service did not have sufficient revenue funding to meet the shortfall in funding and enable implementation of the scheme. A capital bid could be considered, but the earliest a new capital bid could be submitted would be autumn 2021 for 2022-23 financial year. As an alternative, an existing capital reserve has been identified that could be used to fund the project. Confirmation that the Council was able to contribute £47,000 to the project would allow FoCC to mobilise their contractor to commence in June 2021, with a programme completion date of July/early August.

**RESOLVED** to approve a Capital funding of £47,000 to repair and improve Browns Bridge at High Peak Junction on the Cromford Canal, to allow easy operation of the bridge and the resumption of the canal trip boat service along its full route.

**03/21**      **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**      **RESOLVED** that under Regulation 4 (2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To receive the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021

**04/21**      **EXEMPT MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** to receive the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 11 March 2021.

Meeting start time: 13:40

Meeting end time: 13:50