

Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



Subject:	Pennine Bridleway National Trail Maintenance
Decision maker: Senior Officer	Nasir Dad, Director of Environment
Decision maker: Cabinet Member	Councillor C Goodwin, Portfolio Holder for Highways & Transport
Decision date:	20 June 2025
Report author:	Liam Kennedy
Ward (s):	Saddleworth North and South

Reason for decision

The Council has successfully secured Grant funding from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) to deliver 2 maintenance schemes on sections of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail.

Recommendation

To accept the YDNPA grant funding, approve the Council match contributions detailed in this report and approve the delivery of the schemes also detailed in this report.

Background

To date we have secured £12,520.92 (£3,143.89+£9,377.03) in grant funding from the YDNPA. This amount consists of 2 separate offers for 2 separate schemes:

Scheme 1:

Intake Lane Scheme – The Council has received a quotation from CPY Excavations of £4,491.27. YDNPA have offered £3,143.89 match funding on a 70:30 basis with the Council contributing £1,347.38 funded from the Public Rights of Way Capital Budget (M0983). The scheme will deliver much needed resurfacing and filling in of deep depressions that make the route impassable during rainfall events.

Scheme 2:

Keepers Cottage Scheme – The Council has received a quotation from CPY Excavations of £13,395.76. YDNPA have offered £9,377.03 match funding on a 70:30 basis with the Council contributing £4,018.73 funded from the Public Rights of Way Capital Budget (M0983). The scheme will deliver the regrading and levelling of a section of the route and the installation of drainage and water bars to secure its longevity.

Alternative option to be considered (please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s))

Not to accept the offer of grant funding and not progress the schemes detailed above. There is no guarantee that match funding from the YDNPA will be available in future years.

Consultation (include any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted)

The Ward Members have been consulted and Councillor M Woodvine has confirmed this is good news. Councillor P Byrne has commented, well done for the securing of this grant. More restoration of our Bridleways and Footpaths is always welcome. Councillor G Sheldon confirms the good news.

Risks

The schemes will be unable to be delivered and the works undertaken with no assurance or guarantee that a similar level of funding from the YDNPA will be available next financial year.

Implications

Financial	<p>The proposed works are capital and will be fully grant funded.</p> <p>The Council has been awarded £12,520.92 in grant funding on a match funding basis from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. The works are estimated to cost £17,887.03, so the remaining £5,366.11 will be funded from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement grant within the transport capital programme (M0983).</p> <p>The works will be fully defrayed in 2025/26.</p> <p>Any overspend will need to be funded from provisions in M0983.</p> <p>Leonnie Wharton-Brown, Senior Accountant</p>
Legal	None (Alan Evans)
Equality impact including implications for Children and Young People	None
Procurement	<p>As this relates to a decision regarding the acceptance of grant funding, there are no procurement implications at this time. The spending of any grant funding should be conducted in accordance with the rules of the provision of the grant and also Council CPR's and PCR2015 or PA23 (whichever applies).</p> <p>Jasmin Banks-Lee, Commercial Procurement Unit</p>

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?	Yes
Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?	Yes
Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?	No

Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

There are no background papers for this report.

Report author sign-off	Liam Kennedy
Role	Public Rights of Way Officer
Date of sign-off	20 June 2025

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	 Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	10 July 2025