

# Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



<b>Subject:</b>	Pennine Bridleway National Trail Maintenance
<b>Decision maker: Senior Officer</b>	Nasir Dad, Director of Environment
<b>Decision maker: Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr C Goodwin, Cabinet Member for Transport & Highways
<b>Decision date:</b>	21 August 2025
<b>Report author:</b>	Liam Kennedy, PROW Officer
<b>Ward (s):</b>	Saddleworth North

## Reason for decision

The Council has successfully secured 100% Grant funding from Natural England, via the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA), to deliver an expansion to an existing maintenance scheme on a section of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail.

## Recommendation

To accept the YDNPA grant funding and approve the delivery of (Phase 2) of the scheme also detailed in this report.

## Background

To date, the Council has secured an additional £28,941.77 (100% grant funded) from Natural England, via the YDNPA, to expand upon the existing drainage scheme at Keepers Cottage, Brun Clough, to further incorporate surfacing works. The initial Purchase Order for the works will be funded from the Public Rights of Way Capital Budget (M0983) then reclaimed in full before financial year end 2025/2026.

## Alternative option to be considered

Not to accept the offer of grant funding and not progress the scheme detailed above. There is no guarantee that 100% match funding from the YDNPA will be available in future years.

## Consultation

The Ward Members have been consulted and Councillors Byrne, Lancaster and Harkness fully support the acceptance of 100% grant funding to enable to enhancement of this scheme.

## Risks

The scheme 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 Council has been awarded £28,941.77 in grant funding from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to complete further drainage works on the Pennine Bridleway National Trail. The proposed works are capital and will be charged to the Transport Capital Programme (M0983).</p> <p>The works will be fully defrayed in 2025/26.</p> <p>Leonie 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. However, 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). If this is additional work, and a previous supplier was used and the intention is to use them again, CPU must be contacted in advance of any conversations or decisions to do so in order to ensure no disaggregation of services/contracts which would serve to avoid any implications of non-compliance with the Regulations</p> <p><b>Jasmin Banks-Lee, Commercial Procurement Unit</b></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	05 August 2025

<b>Approval</b>	
Officer approval sign-off	 Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	21/08/25