



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	Cllr C Goodwin, Cabinet Member for Transport & Highways
Decision date:	07 January 2026
Report author:	Liam Kennedy, PROW Officer
Ward (s):	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 3 small-scale schemes on different sections of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail. These improvements will enable usage by those who would otherwise be unable to access the trails due to protected characteristics (e.g. mobility/visual impairment).

Recommendation

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

Background

To date, the Council has secured an additional £24,028.73 (100% grant funded) from the DEFRA 'Access for All Grant' towards accessibility improvements on the Pennine Bridleway. This amount is made up of 3 separate offers of £7,809.21, £8,111.00 and £8,108.52. The initial Purchase Orders 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 schemes 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 Cllrs Byrne, Lancaster & Harkness support the acceptance of the grant funding.

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 Council has been awarded £24,028.73 grant funding from the DEFRA Access for All fund to deliver further improvements on sections of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail to make it accessible to a wider range of people, including those with mobility and visual impairments.</p> <p>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>Leonne Wharton-Brown, Senior Accountant</p>
Legal	None (A Evans)
Equality impact including implications for Children and Young People	None
Procurement	None

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	07 January 2026

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	03 Feb 2026