

Agenda Item	14
Report No	CIA/18/17

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 19 June 2017

Report Title: Ness Islands Update on Improvement Works

Report By: Director of Community Services

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details an update on the work being carried out on the Ness Islands Trees, Paths, Banks and Bridges in accordance with the report by Crudens' Consulting Engineers dated April 2015.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- Note the progress being made with the various improvement works; and
- Agree the additional funds in order to complete all the bridge works required.

3. Progress Update on Improvement Works

- 3.1 Tree works: All schedule works have been completed. A large tree felled in the islands has also been converted into a seating area which has proven popular with the public. Total price £22039.
- 3.2 Path repairs: This is the next phase and will commence at the end of June, total price quoted at £54015.
- 3.3 Bank erosion: This will proceed after the end of June due to the salmon smolt run, total price quoted is £52870.
- 3.4 Bridges: The cost of this work is £169,259. This exceeds the funds available by £73,183 when the works detailed above are taken into account. The bridge repair work will be done in conjunction with the bank erosion work. A decision is therefore required on whether to allocate additional funds of £73,183, or prioritise the bridge work to meet the existing budget.

4. Additional money required

- 4.1 In order to complete the bridge repair works an additional £73,183 is required to deliver the programme of improvement works as detailed above.

5 Implications

- 5.1 Resource - The budget of £225,000 has been allocated to the Paths, Banks, Bridges and Tree work.

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- 5.2 Legal - No implications.
- 5.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – No implications.
- 5.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever - No implications.
- 5.5 Risk – No implications.
- 5.6 Gaelic - No implications.

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