



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Castlerock Footbridge</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Environmental Services Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Protecting, promoting and enhancing our unique natural environment and assets
Outcome	Reinstatement of listed rail bridge
Lead Officer	Head of Estates

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	Unknown
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES</b>
Capital/Revenue	capital
Code	
Staffing Costs	

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to update members on the status of the proposed repairs to Castlerock Footbridge further to the report item brought to committee in 2017.

## **2.0 Background**

In 1996 Coleraine Borough Council entered into a 10,000 year lease with NI Transport Holding Co. (NITHC) for the upkeep of the footbridge at Castlerock Railway Station. In 2017 Council approved the contract for the removal and assessment of the bridge with a view to ascertaining can it be restored and at what cost. Note NIEA has been actively involved in this decision process.

In the 2018 NIEA had their consultant assess and confirm that the bridge was capable of being restored and put back in place. Since then the NIEA consultant has worked with Council and our structural engineer to develop a programme of repairs which satisfy both NIEA and Translink.

Unfortunately the Covid outbreak has meant that over a year has been lost on this project as consultants furloughed staff and site visits were not possible. However, a repair strategy has now been developed and a report has been sent to Translink for their input and approval. As the bridge is going over a live railway line Council cannot proceed until Translink are satisfied with the assessment and repair details. NIEA will also need to approve the proposed work.

Tendering, repair and reinstallation should take approximately 4 to 5 months from when we get approval from both Translink and NIEA.

## **3.0 Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that the Committee notes the above information