



Title of Report:	Castlerock Footbridge Update
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	11th January 2023
For Decision or For Information	For Information

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

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Unknown
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	Capital
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	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 Castlerock Footbridge.

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.

3.0 Update since last meeting

In January 2022 Council approved the further assessment of the bridge by Translink's consultant with cost to be shared by both parties and Council's share limited to a maximum of £10,000. This was done in an effort to provide Translink with the assurance that the bridge, with remedial work, is capable of being returned to its' location over the railway line. To date they had expressed concerns over its' long-term future.

The detailed assessment has been completed and the report made available to Council. In summary, the consultant's have found that with a significant amount of repair work and ongoing routine maintenance, the bridge can be made fit to return to its' original location over the railway line. Officers are currently working on tender documents for the repair, protection and re-installation of the bridge. A report will be brought back on completion of this process.

4.0 Recommendation

Committee are asked to note the above information.