

KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC21/96(a)

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	14 th April 2022
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Report Title:-	Bridge repairs, South End Allotments
Wards Affected:-	Wicksteed and St Michaels

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for repairs to be carried out to the pedestrian bridge at South End Allotments

2. Recommendations

That the quotation of £2192 from Make Woodworking be accepted to carry out repairs to the bridge at South End Allotments.

3. Information

3.1. Following a decision at the February meeting of this committee, three companies were asked to quote for repairs to the bridge which connects two parts of the South End Allotments.

3.2 Only one company was able to submit a quote and it is summarised below.

Remove and replace damaged timbers -replace with treated timbers, include a new handrail fence along the bank side All fixings to be exterior grade. Vertical slats to be supplied on both sides of the bridge	£1032
Bridge to be painted with a dark brown weatherproof treatment. Timber to be prepared – rot hardener to be applied on existing timbers that are still usable but showing signs of age	£350

Pressure washing using fungicide. Water supplied in transportable tanks due to lack of water supply on site	£200
Install 2m long anti-slip strips across each plank o The hard anti slip strips are glued and screwed to the timber deck and are low maintenance and easily replaceable. The strips are 3mm thick fibreglass can withstand high footfall traffic	£360
Provisional: Replace and repair any damaged timbers not visible upon survey o This provisional allowance will cover the replacement of any unforeseen damaged timbers. The actual cost will be calculated at the end of the job	£250
TOTAL Excl VAT	£2192

4. Consultation and Engagement

4.1. The views of the allotment association have been sought throughout.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 There is a net £4000 in the budget for allotments, which is likely to be supplemented by further income during the course of this year, together with the rents due, so, in total, there is up to approximately £7500 available to spend.
- 5.2. It would be possible to seek further quotes from other companies, but given the relatively modest cost of the work and the need to make the bridge safer than it is, it is recommended that we proceed with this quote as representing good value.

6. Policy Implications

The Council has a responsibility keep its assets in good working order and to ensure the health and safety of users of the allotments.

Background Papers

Quote and communication with shortlist of companies.
Email exchanges with Allotment Association and lead member

Previous Reports

F&G Cttee 24th February 2022 (FC21/76)
F&G Ctee 20th January 2022 (FC/63)

