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RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER SCHEME OF DELEGATION BY MEMBER OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM IN CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO HOLDER/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



SMT Member:	Mark Gaffney
Service Group:	Neighbourhoods
Portfolio Holder/Chairman:	Cllr Graham Walton
Portfolio/Committee:	Neighbourhoods and Streetscene

Subject: Refurbishment of Old Coach House, Hurst Grange Park, Penwortham.

Decision: Approval of capital expenditure of £5,000 to obtain cost details for the revised improvement options for the building.

Details and Reasoning:

The Coach House within Hurst Grange Park dates back to the 1850s and was built as a coach house and stables for the former estate. The building has the potential to provide a number of visitor/community facilities within the park but is currently little more than a shell and is used by the park's Friends Group for storage, meetings and basic welfare facilities.

The Friends Group have recently been successful in obtaining a grant of £15,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to pay for consultancy and consultation with groups and the public around potential improvement options for the building. The work would all be used in any future bid by the council to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a larger grant to pay for capital improvement works.

The next step is to engage a Quantity Surveyor to provide detailed costs for the more popular options in order for a report on the preferred way forward to be submitted to Elected Members in the future. This cost information will be used to inform any bids to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Wider Implications (including Financial, Legal, Equality and Risk):

Financial
A capital budget of £50,000 is currently allocated for improvements to Hurst Grange Park. Some expenditure has already taken place to improve the drainage but there is circa 50% of the budget remaining. This project would require £5,000 from this budget.

Legal
The Council will be bound by the terms and conditions of any contractual documentation entered into with the suppliers.

Risk
There is a risk that without the works being carried out, the project would not be able to progress to a point where a bid for funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund could be sought in

the foreseeable future and the enthusiasm of the volunteers involved may begin to decline.

Equality

Equality Impact Assessments are in place for the neighbourhood services. There are no adverse equality impacts as a result of the proposals in this report.


Report attached?
Exempt from publication?
If exempt, give reason(s):

No
No


Signed:

J. Blundell
Date: 2/1/18


Financial Management


Date: 02/01/18

Legal Services


Date: 22/12/17

SMT Member


Date: 8/1/18.

Portfolio Holder/
Chairman

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