
REPORT TO:	FULL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 23
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REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	DOC:
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SUBJECT:	MIDWAY FISHPONDS, MIDWAY	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	SWADLINCOTE, MIDWAY & WOODVILLE	

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That a supplementary budget of £17,500 be approved to fund urgent work at Midway Fishponds

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide background information to support the above recommendation.

3.0 Detail

Midway Fishponds

- 3.1 At their meeting on the 23rd November 2006 Members of the Council's Housing & Community Services Committee considered a report on an engineering survey into the condition of the above area. In particular the report concentrated on the integrity of the bank between the upper and lower ponds.
- 3.2 The report recommended a number of short-term temporary actions, which mitigated against the possibility of failure of the bank. Unfortunately, during the 2008/09-budget process Members were not in a position to fund any priority long-term work at the site. However, it was agreed that because of the risk involved Members would review the situation when and if finance became available
- 3.3 In the consultant's report they identified as a priority the reconstruction of the overflow channel and weir and work to level and protect the crest. The budget estimate for both these items of work is outlined below. Also included is an element for consultants to design and managed the delivery of the works. Unfortunately, this is not expertise we have in house so it is necessary to buy in these skills. The total initial budget estimate for the works was £113,500. Which included a cost of design & supervision fees of £17,500.
- 3.4 Given the importance of the works the consultants have been asked to progress the design work up to a value of £2,000. This was going be met from existing revenue budgets. Unfortunately, this doesn't take the project much further forward and the critical stage of going out to tender for the work, so that we understand the full costs, is in abeyance. To allow this to progress to this critical stage a supplementary

budget for £17,500 is being sought. Once the tender process is complete it will be necessary to report back to Members on the full requirements to deliver the works

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 £17,500 is required to fund the essential design works for the project to re-enforce the dam wall at Midway Fishponds. While a budget estimate has been provided on the likely full cost of the works without the design works it is impossible to seek valid tenders. At this stage Members' authority is sought to allocate a supplementary budget to cover the cost of this work.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 Undertaking the work is a key task in 2008/09 Leisure & Community Development Service Plan

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 Midway Fishponds is a well used and important community facility

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 Given the level of risk involved in not undertaking the work it is important that we make as much progress as is feasibly possible. To do this essential design work is required to get to a stage where the work could be exposed to competition, in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Just as importantly we need to understand the full costs of the works so that Members can consider this matter alongside other priority requests they may receive.