



Title of Report:	Castlerock Footbridge Update
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	11th January 2022
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	YES
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

Ongoing communication/discussion between Council, Translink and Mann Williams Consultants (who have been working for Council) have been unsuccessful in resolving the issues over the fitness of the bridge to be repaired and re-installed. It has been decided to relieve Mann Williams of any more involvement in the assessment of the bridge.

Given the historical nature of the bridge and the wish to see it repaired and re-installed, Translink have suggested that they carry out their own assessment by using consultants who are currently employed by them assessing other rail bridges. As this bridge belongs to Council, Translink have asked that Council consider contributing to the assessment cost. Officers should be able to provide a verbal update at committee once the cost and timescale are confirmed. The verbal update will outline this and any other possible options.

4.0 Recommendation

Committee are asked to note the above information, and based on the verbal update on the night, discuss and make a recommendation to council on the way forward.