

## **ANTICIPATED COST OF PATH REPLACEMENTS**

### **Introduction**

At its last meeting on 17 June 2024, the Finance & Personnel Committee resolved to review the spending needs against earmarked reserve 327 (Grounds Maintenance & Path Replacements) and report back to the Finance & Personnel Committee (minute ref. F&P/24/25(d)) in light of the decision not to transfer underspends at year-end to earmarked reserves.

### **Anticipated Cost of Path Replacements**

The Council's Ranger confirmed that the Council is likely to be in need of replacing up to 200m<sup>2</sup> of paths at a capital construction cost of £80 per m<sup>2</sup>, i.e. £16,000.

Attached to this report is a list of areas which will benefit from remediation. The paths and sections of paths listed represent areas identified at high risk which may deteriorate suddenly and therefore represent a worst-case scenario. The replacements are not required immediately and some may not be needed at all.

The Council's contract for grounds maintenance of the Country Park includes the requirement for paths to be free "free from [...] trip hazards or other obstructions. This includes a once annual spray of weeds and any depressions / pits to be filled".

### **Recommendation(s)**

To note the report.