

## **BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Environment Committee**

**Tuesday 30 May 2023**

#### **Decision Report 1**

### **Allotment Lanes**

### **Recommendations**

**Committee RESOLVE to consider the following options for the lanes on the Bolam Site. The first option – to carry out repairs being carried out on the worst affected parts. The second option would involve more work being carried out over three years at a greater cost of £76,175.00. The access for vehicles would be stopped following either of the options being considered.**

#### Ward

Cowpen

#### Risk Management

Option 1 would be costed against the allotment capital budget £5000 if approved. There is no budget provision for Option 2.

#### Objective

Maintaining the integrity of the surfaces within the allotment site for all users.

#### Report

The lanes on the Bolam Allotments have been brought to the attention of the Committee because of the current state that the lanes are in at present. This is the largest site belonging to Blyth Town Council and the lanes have not been done with the eco -proactive system like other sites because of the size and cost. The lanes are not designed for the high volume of vehicles which enter onto the site on a daily basis. This has resulted in large areas of uneven surfaces. Remedial work was carried out on this site 5 years ago to rectify the uneven surface which took a week at a substantial cost. If works are approved access to vehicles should be stopped, this would be achieved by changing the lock and restricting who has access to keys.

### Option 1

Scrape off the worst affected areas with an excavator and use existing material to level off the lanes. At this time, we only have indicative costs of £480 per day +vat. It is anticipated that this work would take no more than 5 days.

### Option 2

- Year 1 Yellow area 260m x 3m Appendix 1

Scrape off and remove 150mm this would be disposed of and replaced with 150mm type 1 whinstone and consolidated at an indicative cost of £22,411.00 + vat.

- Year 2 Red area 260m x 3m Appendix 1

The same process as in Year 1, the indicative cost is £23,535.00 +vat.

- Year 3 Blue area 325m x 3m Appendix 1

Again, the same process as previous years, at an indicative cost of £30,229.00 +vat.

Committee should also consider stopping vehicles from accessing the site and only allowing access to emergency vehicles. This would involve the changing of the lock on the double gate on the Foster Memorial entrance to the site at a cost of £146 +vat.

Officers have held discussions with officials of the Association, and they are in agreement that the restricted access to the site should be implemented to protect the integrity of the surface should improvements go-ahead.

This will have no impact on the lease agreement.

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**General Services Officer**

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