

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

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Towneley Deer Pond Retaining Wall**PURPOSE**

1. To secure the release of £60,000 from the Capital Programme for the financial year 2011-2012 for the Towneley Deer Pond and to seek approval to tender the proposed works in accordance with Standing Orders to enable work to commence on replacing the water retaining wall at the pond.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Executive is requested to:
 1. Approve the release of £60,000 from the Capital Programme for the financial year 2011-2012 for the Towneley Deer Pond Retaining Wall reconstruction.
 2. Authorise the Engineering Manager to tender the works in accordance with Standing Orders and to accept the most economically advantageous tender for the proposed works.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. The existing wall and associated foundation have become unstable with the result that the pond is leaking through the embankment onto Deer Park Road.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. The concrete foundation to the existing wall has failed over a period of time and has been undermined by scour, resulting in structural movement of the water retaining wall and consequential leakage of water from the pond onto Deer Park Road.
5. The condition of the wall will deteriorate progressively at an increasing rate, resulting in a serious loss of water, affecting the habitat and wildlife.
6. Towneley Deer Pond is a site of special interest registered with Lancashire County

Council.

7. The proposed works will have a design life of 30 years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

8. £60,000 was approved within the 2011 – 2012 original Capital Budget, financed by Prudential Borrowing, to cover the costs for rebuilding the retaining wall at £55,000 together with associated staff salaries of £5,000 incurred as a result of surveying, design and contract supervision.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

BACKGROUND PAPERS

11. None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALSO: