

	REPORT TO CABINET TO BE HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2019
	Key Decision YES Forward Plan Ref No
Corporate Aims People, Place and Prosperity	Cabinet Portfolio Holders Councillor Martin Smith

REPORT OF: Director (LD) – 19/008

WARDS AFFECTED: All

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE CINDER TRACK
(OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD)**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To present the findings and recommendations of the Review of the Cinder Track, as endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 5 December 2018. Report reference 18/280 attached.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

1. That the draft Restoration Plan for the Cinder Track (Appendix A) is approved
2. That mainstream budget provision of £70k pa is approved for the future maintenance of the Cinder Track as part of the Council's Financial Strategy and Revenue Budget
3. That £20k is allocated to update the ecological survey of the Cinder Track
4. That officers are instructed to submit external capital funding applications as appropriate to support the implementation of the Restoration Plan and to ensure the Cinder Track remains sustainable for the future.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Immediate investment in the Cinder Track is necessary to preserve this valued resource for years to come, with all the public health, community, environmental and economic benefits it brings to the Borough outlined in the Restoration Plan.
- Once adopted, the Restoration Plan will form the basis of subsequent planning and funding applications in order to attract significant capital investment in the track to secure its future.

HIGHLIGHTED RISKS:

The principal risk is that the Cinder Track is left to erode further and become so overgrown that parts or all of it can no longer be used. See Risk Matrix attached for further details.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In 2016, Sustrans was awarded Coastal Revival Funding to develop a comprehensive restoration plan for the Cinder Track. Sustrans' plan provided an overview of the track, its importance and the problems it faced, and proposed how these challenges would be met. Specific design details were given in a series of maps covering the whole route with suggested phasing and actions proposed to achieve improvements. Whilst enjoying some support, it also became clear that there was considerable opposition to the Plan, not least the nearly 3000-strong petition presented to the Council. After considering the Sustrans report and the views of local stakeholders at its meeting on 13 September 2017, the Overview and Scrutiny Board concluded that, although the report was a useful starting point, more work needed to be done. The Board therefore commissioned a Task Group to develop balanced proposals to secure the future of the Cinder Track, taking into account the views of different users and stakeholders, as a basis for subsequent planning and funding applications.

2. ASSESSMENT

- 2.1 The review has involved a close collaboration between Scarborough Borough Council and North York Moors National Park Authority to develop a new draft Restoration Plan for the Cinder Track which in the main has been enthusiastically welcomed by the different stakeholder groups including parish councils.

2.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Board considered the Task Group's report at its meeting on 5 December 2018 and gave its wholehearted support.



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Background Papers:

None

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