

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE 1ST DECEMBER 2025

PLEASLEY VALE BUSINESS PARK FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR BUSINESS GROWTH

Classification	Open Report
Contact Officer	Strategic Director Services

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To seek approval for the appointment of a contractor to undertake environmental and flood mitigation works at Pleasley Vale Business Park.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Executive at its meeting 23rd June 2025, approved works to undertake de-silting of culverts and repairs to foul drainage systems at Pleasley Mills to a value of £608,537.
- 1.2 Cost of the works were received by Dragonfly Management Ltd through competitive process. After evaluation it was approved contracts be entered into with P&D Environmental Ltd.
- 1.3 Works undertaken to date have included repair to the foul drainage system (£5,000) only, whereas culvert de-silting works were reviewed and deemed as lower priority to de-silting mill ponds 1 and 2 along with vegetation around immediate perimeters undermining structural integrity of mill pond walls and culverts.
- 1.4 Scope of works earlier approved (23rd June 2025) have since been reviewed and Executive is now asked to approve a revised scheme of works.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The revised scope of works will undertake de-vegetation and de-watering of mill ponds 1 and 2 including mechanical dredging and removal of trees undermining structural stability of dam walls and culverts.
- 2.2 Cost of undertaking the revised scope of works is £861,474 and £257,937 greater than the £608,537 previously approved by Executive; that is, when allowing for £5,000 expenditure incurred in repair of the foul drainage system.
- 2.3 Pricing of the revised scope of works has been received from P&D Environmental Ltd, who were evaluated as the most economic advantageous supplier of works approved by Executive on 23rd June 2025.
- 2.4 P&D Environmental Ltd have undertaken bank stabilisation works to the upper part of mill pond 1. To facilitate this, they had need to establish a temporary bridge structure along with site works facilities that remain on site at this time. Therefore, was a different contractor to be sought, it is likely increased cost would be incurred through preliminary costs of establishing their site facilities.

- 2.5 It is therefore proposed that P&D Environmental Ltd be appointed to undertake the revised scope of works and funded by way of:
- (a) Utilising £603,537 of the £608,537 funding approved by Executive (23.6.25).
 - (b) Allocation of £257,900 from reserves.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To protect the mill buildings from future water ingress from a fluvial flood event and enable further urgent investigative works to mill pond dam walls.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not undertaking the works will constrain essential works to maintain structural integrity of mill pond walls and culverts that in turn support the mill buildings and water management in the event of further severe weather events experienced in periods of flooding.
- 4.2 Work needs to be completed with urgency to ensure completions before height of the winter months and EA permit and maintenance exemption period to mitigate risk of enforcement action.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Subject to due diligence, P&D Environmental Ltd be appointed to undertake the revised scope of works and funded by way of:
 - (a) Utilising £603,537 of the £608,537 funding approved by Executive (23.6.25).
 - (b) Allocation of £257,900 from the building repair and renewal reserve, which is within the general reserve.
2. The Executive recognises the special circumstance as detailed in the report which requires that this item be considered as a matter of urgency.

Approved by Councillor Tom Munro Portfolio Holder for Growth

IMPLICATIONS.

Finance and Risk:

Yes ☒

No ☐

Details: Cost implications as set out within the report. The building repair and renewal reserve is now fully allocated, so any further costs will be a cost to general fund unless other reserves are available.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection):

Yes ☒

No ☐

Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 states

“An item of business may not be considered at a meeting of a principal council unless either—

(a) a copy of the agenda including the item (or a copy of the item) is open to inspection by members of the public in pursuance of subsection (1) above for at least five clear days before the meeting or, where the meeting is convened at shorter notice, from the time the meeting is convened; or

(b)by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency”.

A contract between Dragonfly Development Limited and P&D Environmental Ltd will be establish and subject to data protection requirements. The Council's Procurement Manager supports appointment of the contractor. This report is considered under special urgency requirements in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act1972.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes ☒ No ☐

Details: Proposed works will enhance mill pond water flow systems by managing and removing vegetation and silt and in doing so mitigate extent and risk of future severe flooding events.

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: N/a

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: Revenue - £75,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	Yes
Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No

District Wards Significantly Affected	(please state which wards or state All if all wards are affected): Pleasley
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: As set out herein

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.
(a) Customers – maintain Pleasley Mills in a good standard for tenant enjoyment. (b) Environment – maintain Pleasley Mills green-scape and water way systems in environmentally friendly ways to meet tenant and visitor enjoyment. (c) Economy - maintain Pleasley Mills in a good standard for tenant and visitor enjoyment.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
N/a	N/a

Background Papers
<i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
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