

## **Officer Decision Record: Urgent Capital Works Worsbrough Mill Pond**

Record of Decision of the Matthew Gladstone, Executive Director of Place taken in Conjunction with Cabinet Member for Place

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### **Subject**

The Mill Pond at Worsbrough is essential to provide water to operate the historic mill, which produces flour for commercial and domestic customers and provides an income for Barnsley Museums. It is also an attractive part of the outdoor visitor offer on the site. Demand for flour has increased significantly during the pandemic as has the demand for visiting outdoor spaces.

The mill pond is long overdue for desilting and maintenance as current water levels have seriously compromised flour production as well as being unsightly for visitors. Detailed technical reports have been undertaken and it is proposed to contract specialists Ebsford to undertake these works by the end of the year. Ebsford have recently undertaken a successful major restoration project at Cannon Hall Lakes which included desilting and bank works on a very large scale.

Urgent capital works are required at Worsbrough Mill Country Park to ensure the continuation of the flour production.

### **Finance**

This project has been approved by the Capital Oversight Board and £250,000 funds has already been set aside for maintenance works at Worsbrough Reservoir, including the dredging of the mill pond. The other works required have not yet been fully costed pending analysis of the technical reports which is currently underway.

The works to the mill pond have been costed as:

Dredging works and repairs to banking - £30-£35,000

Ecology surveys – £2200 (if required)

Footpath Closure - £1200

Disposal of silt on site - £5000

Maximum costs estimated at £50,000

### **Risks**

If these works do not progress the Mill will not be able to produce enough flour to service its commercial order book which will impact on current and future income levels and reputation.

### **Background Papers**

Full Business Case

**Decision Taken**

1. Approve urgent Capital works to Worsbrough Mill Pond

Date of Decision 14 /10/20



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