F26/105 – Applegarth Path Resurfacing

Report to Full Council

Purpose of report

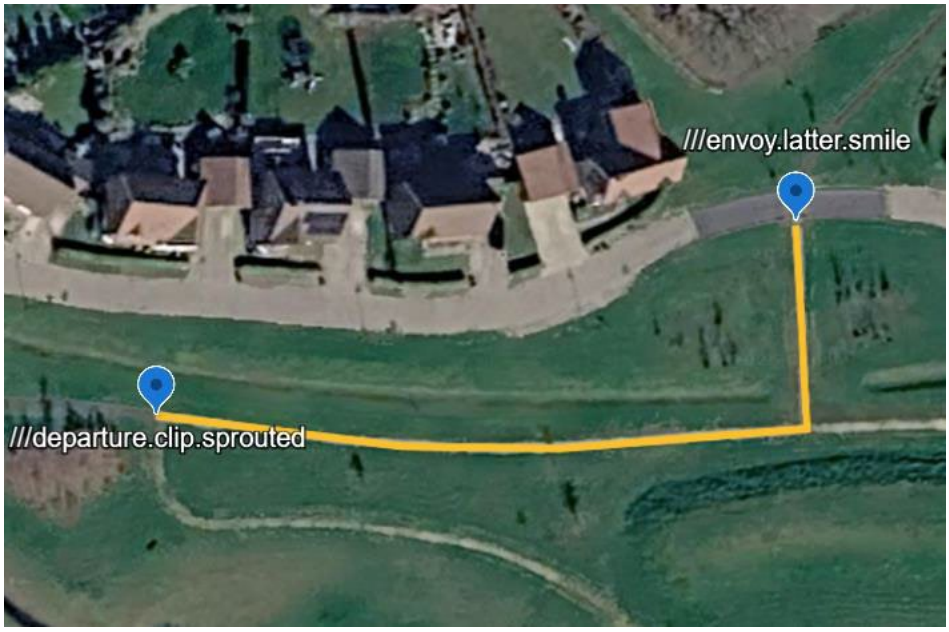
This report asks Full Council to determine the next steps for resurfacing a further section of the hoggin path at Applegarth Meadow, following completion of the tender process and receipt of one quotation that exceeds the approved budget allocation.

Background

In the 2026/27 Applegarth Meadow budget, the Council approved up to £6,000 towards resurfacing an additional section of the hoggin path running parallel to Miller Avenue. The tender was advertised through the Council website, social media channels and the online newsletter, and was also issued to known contractors. One quotation was received, from the contractor that completed the first stage of path resurfacing in 2024.

Quotation and funding

The quotation received is £7,415 for completion of the identified stretch of path.



Total quotation: £7,415 + VAT

This exceeds the approved budget allocation by £1,415. There is currently £5,900 in operational surplus for Applegarth Meadow, from which the additional cost could be met if Council agrees to proceed.

Decision required

- To agree to suspend Financial Regulation 5.5ii) for this contract, on the basis that the Clerk endeavoured to obtain three fixed-price quotations but only one quotation was received.
- To award the contract for the resurfacing works at £7,415.
- To approve the allocation of an additional £1,415 from the Applegarth Meadow operational surplus to meet the full cost of the quotation.

Additional Information:

An informal quote was also provided to complete the remainder of the hoggin path at £10,750 + VAT



The Council should be aware that as the budget currently stands, this may not be achievable in full.