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To: Members of the Finance and Performance Sub-Committee – Councillors David Brackenbury, John Farrar, Roger Glithero JP, Glenvil Greenwood-Smith, David Jenney, Richard Lewis and Steven North

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Date
20 June 2018

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **Finance and Performance Sub-Committee** will be held in the **Kasen Room**, East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, on **Monday 25 June 2018**, at **7.00pm** or at the conclusion of the meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee, whichever is the later.

Please note the start time for this meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Appointment of Chairman for the 2018/19 Municipal Year**
2. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman for the 2018/19 Municipal Year**
3. **Apologies for absence**
(If you are unable to attend this meeting please notify Paul Smith)
4. **Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee held on 30 April 2018**
(attached)
If you have any queries in respect of the accuracy of the minutes, please notify Paul Smith prior to the meeting.
5. **Declarations of Interest.**
6. **Questions from members under Council Procedure Rule 10.3** (if any)
Members of the Sub-Committee have the right to ask the Chairman a question on any matter which the Council has powers or duties, or which affects East Northamptonshire and falls within the Sub-Committee's terms of reference, provided that is given to the Chief Executive by 5pm on the working day preceding the meeting. (A form is available on the Council's Intranet, or email psmith@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk for a copy)

7. **Minutes of Working Parties**
 - a) ENC Enterprise Centre Working Party – 31 May and 11 June 2018 (attached)
8. **Quarterly Performance Reporting – Quarter 4 2017-18** (report of the Corporate Support Manager - **attached**)
9. **Budget Monitoring to 31 May 2018 (High Level Review Only)** report of the Interim Finance Manager– **attached**)
10. **Treasury Management Report to 31 May 2018** (report of the Interim Finance Manager – **attached**)
11. **Capital Programme and Development Pool Update** (report of the Head of Resources – **attached**)
12. **Report on Debt Write Offs and Outstanding Debt at 31 March 2018** (report of the Interim Finance Manager – **attached**)
13. **East Northamptonshire Greenway** (Report of the Community Partnerships Manager – **attached**)

The Sub-Committee shall resolve to exclude the public and press from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business because exempt information, as defined under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, may be disclosed.

14. **Asset Management – June 2018 Update** (report of the Head of Economic and Commercial Development– **attached**)
15. **East Northamptonshire Enterprise Centre** (report of the Head of Economic and Commercial Development– **attached**)

Yours sincerely

DAVID OLIVER
Chief Executive

FIRE/EMERGENCY EVACUATION

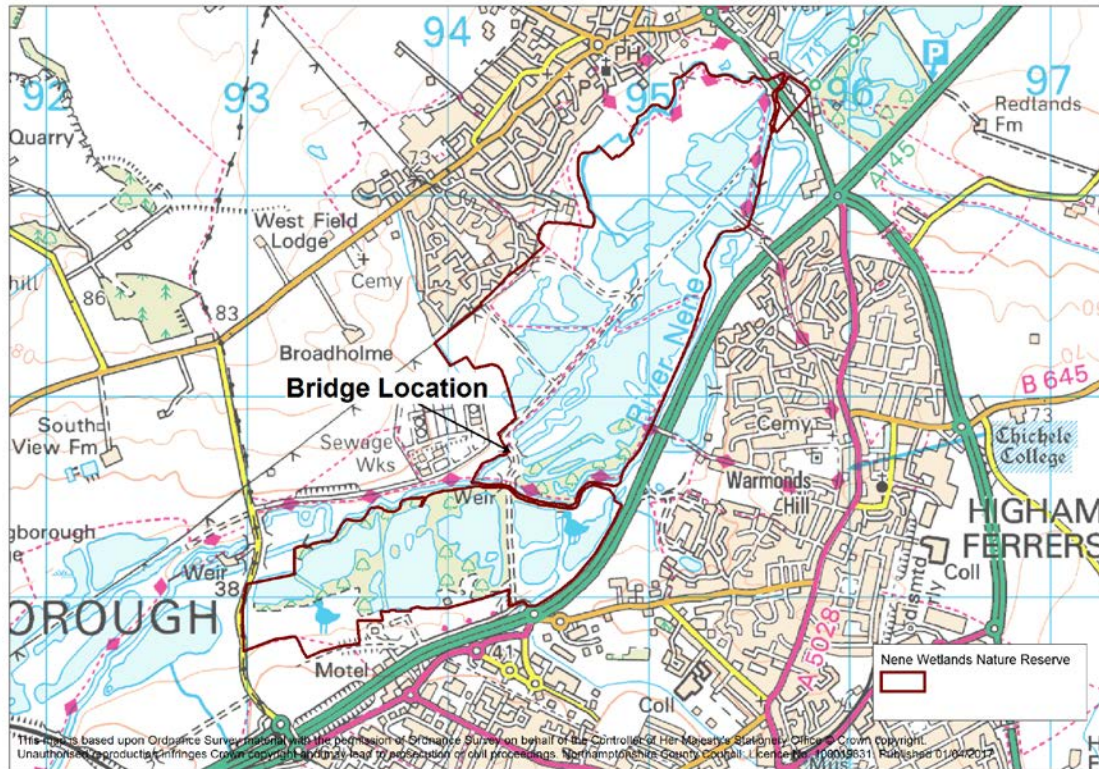
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Appendix 1 - Nene Wetlands Greenway Bridge

Location

The site is part of the Nene Wetlands Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve. The bridge sits over a flood channel that feeds in from a weir in the bank of the main river to Higham Lake.



Background

During 2015/16 the Wildlife Trust put together a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund entitled “Into the Valley”. This project had as a prime objective;

To create a major new 270-hectare nature reserve from seven disconnected sites, three of which are currently under-managed and closed to the public. New access routes and interpretation will complement the outstanding natural value of the site as an internationally important destination for breeding and overwintering birds, achieving:

- *a well-managed nature reserve meeting SSSI and SPA objectives, accessed and experienced as one large area, zoned for wildlife and people*
- *a site with a distinctive identity with layers of industrial heritage celebrated and conserved alongside nature*
- *a connected access network to encourage exploration and exercise*

During the development of the project it was evident that there was a substantial disconnect between the disused railway track within the existing Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows nature reserve and the disused bailey bridge that crossed the river Nene from the future Rushden lakes development. The two were linked by an unsurfaced public footpath which from time to time became impassable in winter. Included in the bid was funding for the design and installation of a substantial section of new stone cycle path and a new bridge deck to be placed on substantial foundations left in situ by the former mineral operators (pictured below).



Condition of the bridge in 2017

Construction of new tracks and bridge works in 2017

Into the Valley was approved by Heritage lottery Fund in 2016 and implementation commenced. Track works were designed and put out to tender in spring 2017. Construction was completed in August which came within £2,000 of original budget of £90,000. At the same time it was discovered that the company which quoted for the bridge deck construction had gone into liquidation. A new tendering process was put in place during 2017. Unfortunately all but one company who had expressed an interest failed to return a valid tender. Those that did returned a tender of £98,000 inc. VAT against a budget of £26,000.

Whilst the Wildlife Trust regrouped and explored other possibilities for linking the paths across the waterway we accepted a quote for £9,000 for the creation of a temporary bridge across the girders to satisfy the rapidly increasing demand to use the greenway to access the Rushden Lakes development. Funding for this was moved from other parts of the project budget

Redesign and Recosting of the bridge

During winter/spring 2018 the bridge works were substantially redesigned and recosted. Details have received consent from the Environment Agency and are going through the development control processes with East Northamptonshire Council. Whilst all other costs of this greenway extension are covered by the Wildlife Trust and the "Into the Valley" project there remains a shortfall in funding for the bridge. Details are as follows (all prices inclusive of VAT);

Temporary pedestrian/cycle bridge	£9,000 Wildlife Trust funded
Design and professional fees voluntary input	£4,000 funded by Wildlife Trust plus substantial voluntary input
Bridge renovation	£51,000 against a budget of £26,000

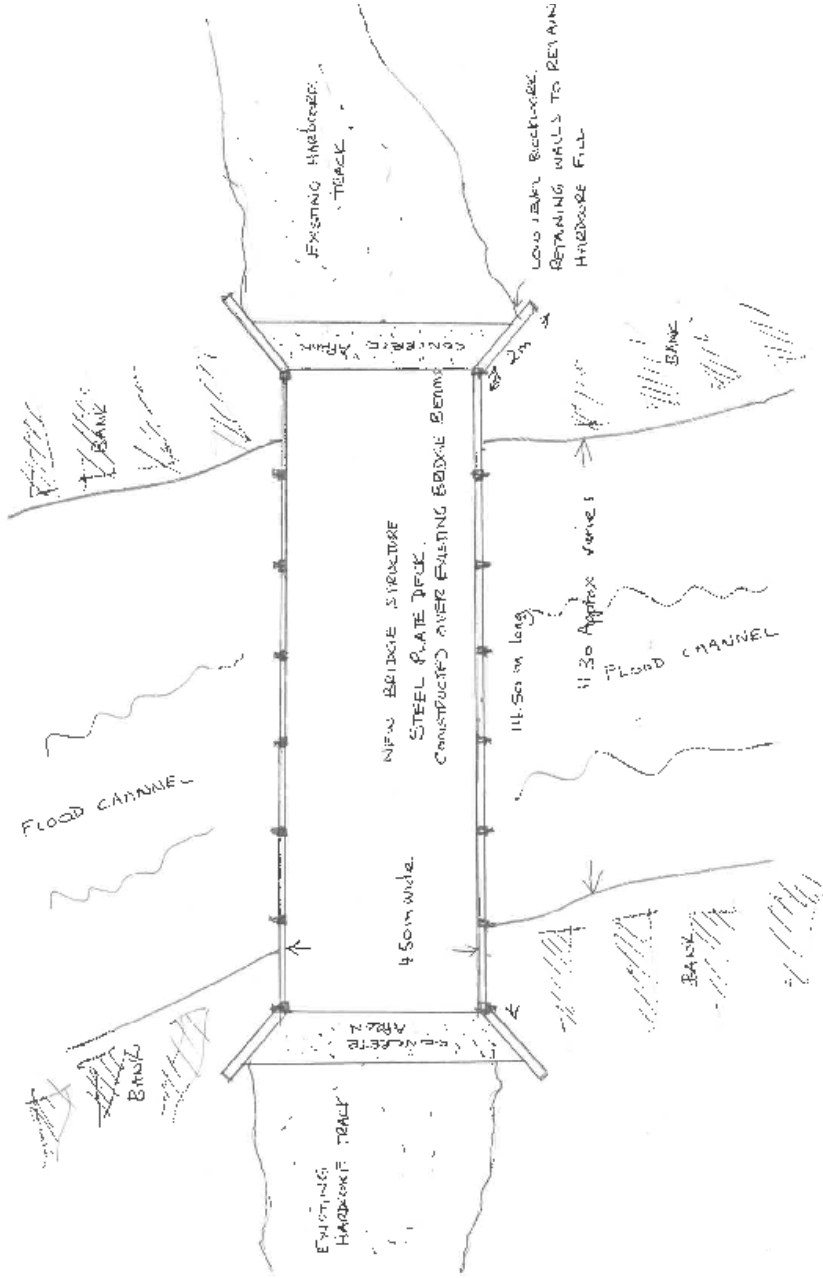
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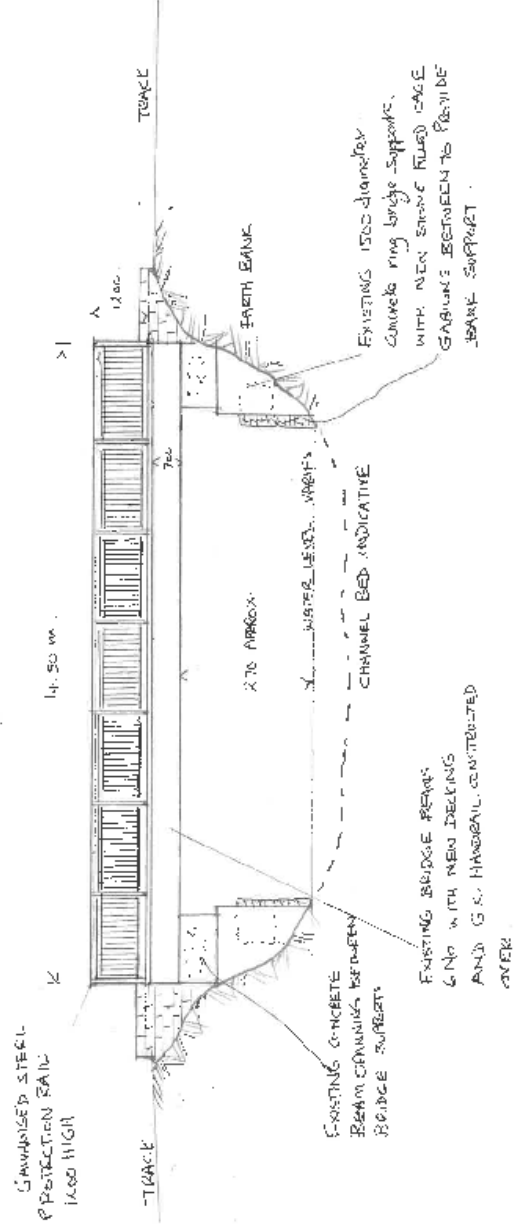
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25/5/2018

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PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE PLAN SCALE 1:100



PROPOSED BRIDGE ELEVATION 1:100

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WILDLIFE TRUST
3RD MAY 2018
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