

Agenda item 9

For decision: To apply to MDC to draw down S106 budget to design a new river bridge linking Edmund Park to the town

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At the 10 August 2022 Council meeting Friends of the River Frome presented their work to date on plans for a bridge over the river at Adderwell linking the Edmund Park estate better to the town. A bridge would make it safer and quicker for pedestrians to get into town, to the railway station and to schools.

When the Edmund Park development was given planning permission, FTC succeeded in lobbying MDC to include a budget towards this bridge in the S106 agreement. FTC needs to apply MDC to use some of this S106 budget to progress and pay for the bridge design, and to pay for initial design work already completed (that has underwritten by FTC so far) and described by FoRF at the meeting last August.

Council needs to formally confirm their support for the project to enable FTC draw down the budget from MDC.

**Recommendations**

1. Confirm support for this project
2. Delegate to the Business Manager and Environment Manager to apply to MDC to draw down sufficient funds from the Edmund Park s106 budget to progress and pay for the Adderwell/Edmund Park bridge design, to cover costs incurred for initial design work and to continue to work closely with Friends of the River Frome to achieve this.