

**Duchess Wood Budget**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1 The present available budget is £9,584.00, however, there are still works outstanding and this fund would also be required if an emergency occurred.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The remainder of these funds should be held for bridge repair, tree trimming Strathclyde Court and unexpected emergency works. It is clear that the remainder of the fund will only cover two or three jobs that may have to be issued to external contractor in the future.

**3.0 DETAILS**

3.1 There two main tasks outstanding that will require funding from the Duchess Wood budget. Bridge repair at the car park. It is not clear from lease agreement this falls to Luss Estate and tree work up the side of Strathclyde Court.

3.2 Works carried out and paid through the budget over last two year include tree works at Strathclyde Court Garages, large tree felling at West Highland line, tree pruning along Rhu Road Higher and temp. fencing works at the bridge next to car park.

3.3 With regards the budget figure carried from the 2016 report of £12,940.00 four major task have been as per 3.1. Total cost of this works came to £3,356.00 leaving an available budget figure of £9,584.00.

**4.0 CONCLUSION**

4.1 With regards the present budget figure of £9,584.00 there two outstanding works that will have to be charged to this over the next few months. Depending on how much the bridge works cost there may only be sufficient to carry out one of emergency works.

4.2 As the Council still facing further budget cuts over the coming years further funding may have to come from external bodies to cover any funding gap that may arise for some of the present works under taken by Amenity Services.

**5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Policy None

5.2	Financial	External founding will be required if this budget is used for none safety issues.
5.3	Legal	None
5.4	HR	None
5.5	Equalities	None
5.6	Risk	If some of this budget is not kept for storm damage/unexpected events we could be looking at closing areas within the wood.
5.7	Customer Services	None

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