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Leatherhead leisure pot diverted to nearby bridge

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A “very popular and well used” bridge is set to undergo a quarter of a million worth of repairs after being damaged by heavy goods vehicles.

Serious defects have been found in the concrete beam and slab Thorncroft Bridge in Leatherhead.

They were discovered following a specialist inspection carried out when Mole Valley District Council received reports of larger and heavier vehicles using the river crossing.

Money for the project will come out of a pot earmarked to cover repairs in the nearby Leatherhead Leisure Centre.

The work was recommended by the council’s November scrutiny committee and still requires full cabinet approval.

Councillor Keira Vyvan-Robinson, cabinet member for property and project said: “It’s a very popular and well used bridge used by pedestrians and light vehicle traffic which supports local business and leisure in the area.

“A specialist non intrusive inspection identified a range of works needed to fix a range of defect and safety improvements.”

Among the work will be road resurfacing, new speed limit signs, new coping stones and new signage.

There will also be new measures put in place to make it more difficult for larger vehicles to use the River Mole crossing.

The £240,000 budget includes a 25 per cent contingency for any overspend, the meeting heard.

The exact age of the Thorncroft Bridge is unknown, but it is thought to have been built “post war” committee papers read.

The proposed project would also include traffic management, safety barriers, lifesaving equipment, with additional work carried out to clear the riverbed and banks of any obstructions.

The report read: “The repairs would support continued access for tenants and landowners together with pedestrians and light vehicles.

“The bridge also supports active travel and connections to the riverside and leisure centre.”

Officers have recommended carrying out the work at the first opportunity to avoid any risks of the project stalling once services are taken over by East Surrey Council in April.

The report said: “Taking no action, would increase health and safety risks, require additional inspections and could lead to closure.”

Chris Caulfield Local Democracy Reporter

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