

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Implementation of a surface water flood alleviation scheme at Woosington Close, Strelley.
Total Value:	£195,000 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	To negotiate the terms and accept the Flood Defence Grant in Aid and Local Levy funding of £195,000, and spend it on a long term flood alleviation works to protect 13 properties at Woosington Close, Strelley, from the effects of flooding.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>In July 2013, several properties on Woosington Close suffered internal flooding. In order to reduce the risk of repeat flooding for these residents, the Council made an application for Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) and Flood Defence Local Levy funding. The Council has received approval of the project from the Environment Agency and will receive funding of £127,000 FDGiA in 2015/16 and £48,000 Local Levy. The remaining £20,000 is resourced from the 2015/16 Lead Local Flood Grant received by the Council.</p> <p>The scheme was included within Nottingham City Council's Local Flood Risk Mangement Strategy, approved by Full Council on 9 March 2015.</p> <p>Confirmation of funding has just been received from the Environment Agency (EA), following scrutiny of a detailed project appraisal report.</p> <p>The scheme will re-direct flood water away from the houses and into Broxtowe Country Park. Here it can stored, and discharged slowly into the drainage system, once the storm has passed. The works involve earthworks to create a low bund, raising the kerbs alongside Woosington Close, lowering the land adjacent to two of the properties and at the edge of Broxtowe Country Park. Consequently most of the construction operations are the same as any highway works; earthworks, kerbing, resurfacing etc. Consequently it is proposed to engage a contractor through the Nottingham City and Derby City Joint Highway Maintenance Framework Contract.</p>

Other Options Considered: 1 Do Nothing - These properties would remain at risk of flooding due to the topography of the area. Even though there is no statutory duty for the Council to implement flood alleviation schemes, the Council, in its role as Lead Local flood authority (LLFA) has a duty to manage surface water flood risk. Consequently this scheme was listed within Nottingham City Council's Local Flood Risk Mangement Strategy, and this option would be contrary to this approved strategy. However the Strategy does not commit the Council to expenditure.

2. Install property level protection - Property level protection is the term used for measures such as flood boards, flood resistant doors, air brick covers etc, and could be installed to protect these properties. However such measures have the disadvantage of a short life, unless correctly maintained. Property level protection is appropriate where there is no other affordable solution. Consequently the Council is also investing FDGiA money into Property Level protection elsewhere in the City. However this site, largely because of its proximity to Broxtowe Country Park, offers the opportunity to implement a permanent scheme.

Background Papers: None

Published Works: Nottingham Local Flood Risk Mangement Strategy.
Formal S19 flood investigation. Woosington Close

Affected Wards: Bilborough

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Consultations: Date: 31/12/2015
Ward Councillors: Malcolm Wood, Marcia Watson, Wendy Smith
Ward Councillors informed of the scheme.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: There are no crime and disorder implications in this proposal.

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: The sole criteria for selecting these properties was the ongoing flood risk.

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date:

04/02/2016

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Property

Legal Advice:

Under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA), Nottingham City Council is a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and has a statutory duty to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management. In exercising risk management functions the Council must act in a manner consistent with both national and its local strategies and guidance.

Woolsington Close is identified in the Councils adopted Flood Management Strategy as a medium priority "Flood Hotspot Area" and the construction and delivery of a flood management scheme was included in the action plan. There is no statutory duty to implement an alleviation scheme and, as indicated in the decision, furtherance of the proposals is subject to grant funding approval. It would however be consistent with the Council's adopted policy.

Advice provided by Ann Barrett (Team Leader) on 08/01/2016.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval to incur expenditure totalling £195,000 in respect of a flood alleviation scheme to protect properties at Woolsington Close, Strelley. This area was identified as a priority in the Flood Risk Management Actions in appendix A of the Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, approved by Full Council in March 2015. Prior to proceeding with the works, Traffic & Safety will ensure the costs can be contained within the approved allocation.

The expenditure will be funded as follows:

£ 127,000 Environment Agency grant aid for Woolsington Close Strelley

£ 48,000 Trent Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (RFCC local levy)

£ 20,000 Lead Local Flood Grant (2015/16 LSSG held in reserves)

£ 195,000 Total funding

The Council has received confirmation of the above funding awards. Traffic & Safety will project manage the works and ensure expenditure is eligible in accordance with the grant conditions to maximise drawdown.

The works will be undertaken in accordance with financial regulations to ensure value for money.

Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 14/01/2016.

Procurement Advice:

Most of the construction operations are the same as any highway works; earthworks, kerbing, resurfacing etc. Consequently it is proposed to engage a contractor through the joint Nottingham City and Derby City Joint Highway Maintenance Framework Contract.

Advice provided by John Watson (Category Manager) on 16/12/2015.

Property Advice:

The proposed works will provide protection and therefore benefit a number of Council owned properties which are managed by Nottingham City Homes.

Advice provided by Pippa Hall, Portfolio and Investment Manager on 17/12/2015

Signatures

Jane Urquhart (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing)

SIGNED and Dated: 28/01/2016

David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)

SIGNED and Dated: 25/01/2016