

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Flood Alleviation Scheme at Beechdale
Total Value:	£200,000 (Type: Capital and Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the receipt of external grants to fund the delivery of the project and delegate authority to the Head of Service for Traffic and Safety to negotiate and sign the required external grant agreements.2. To delegate authority to the Head of Service for Traffic and Safety to procure and enter into contracts relating to the programme of works.3. To approve the use the Flood Risk Management Reserve funding (£20,000) to support the feasibility of the project.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>40 residential properties have been identified within the city's administrative boundary that are at significant risk from surface water flooding as identified by the Environment Agency's Flood Risk of Surface Water Maps. The "Beechdale Locality" is classified as one of seventeen local flood hot spot areas of which were identified based on the number of properties at risk of flooding, historic flood events and social deprivation. This is acknowledged within the "Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy".</p> <p>A study is required to be conducted to investigate the viability of the chosen area in addition to identifying the properties that are at risk by using computer modelling, based on specific storm events. It will aim to identify a long list of options in relation to implementing possible strategic methods of alleviating flood risk. The study may also identify other additional properties that may benefit from a surface water management scheme.</p> <p>The end goal of this study will allow Nottingham City Council to develop a further flood alleviation scheme by taking the preferred option to Outline Business Case and unlock the remaining external funding.</p> <p>A use of consultants has already been approved (£19,000), however due to external budget restraints the funding envelope has changed. As such the project is currently made up of costings as follows. £150,000 Flood Defence Grant in Aid, £30,000 Local Levy Contribution & £20,000 from Flood Risk Management Reserves creating a total project cost £200,000.</p>

Other Options Considered: Option 1 - Do Nothing: This option would result in no further consideration for managing the flood risk in the area. This option has been discounted due to the risk of flooding to people and property.

Option 2 - Do Minimum: Continue with the maintenance regime for the area with no further investigation of action regarding the flooding issues. This option has been discounted as the properties remain at risk of flooding.

Background Papers: None

Published Works: None

Affected Wards: Bilborough, Lenton and Wollaton East, Wollaton West

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Consultations: Date: 02/10/2018
Ward Councillors: David Trimble, Sally Longford, Wendy Smith, Steve Battlemuch, Cate Woodward, Phil Jackson, Zafran Khan, Pavlos Kotsonis, Rebecca Langton
Email all Ward Councillors on 2/10/2018 & 4/6/2019. No reply received to date.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

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

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: No equality implications. The criteria for identifying this area related exclusively to the existing level of flood risk.

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date: 16/08/2019

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

In addition to complying with the City Council's Financial Regulations the City Council must ensure it complies with the terms of any grant funding agreements which may include requirements in respect of tenders or seeking quotes which are more onerous than the City Council's Financial Regulations. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 11/03/2019 (Advice reviewed and confirmed by Andrew James on 04/06/2019).

Finance Advice:

Approval is given by the Environment Agency for grants towards the scheme at Beechdale as identified within this decision under the headings - Flood Defence Grant in Aid and Local Levy for the early scoping work required for the project. The grants are paid quarterly following the submission of grant claim forms once the expenditure has been incurred. To secure receipt of the grant, all conditions of the Grant must be adhered to and the expenditure monitored by the appropriate Flood Risk Officer. In addition to the grant conditions, Nottingham City Council's Financial Regulations must be followed.

The Decision requires £20,000 of Flood Risk Management Reserve towards the scheme and there is sufficient that is currently not committed within the Reserve that can be earmarked for this scheme. Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 11/03/2019 (Advice reviewed and confirmed by Susan Tytherleigh on 06/06/19).

Procurement Advice:

There are no procurement issues with the decisions being sought. The Procurement Team will work with the client to ensure any contracts awarded in respect of this scheme are procure in line with Contract Procedure Rules. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 06/03/2019 (Advice reviewed and confirmed by Jonathan Whitmarsh on 04/06/2019).

Signatures

Sally Longford (PH for Energy, Environment and Democratic Services)

SIGNED and Dated: 08/08/2019

Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)

SIGNED and Dated: 05/08/2019