

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

31 January 2019

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

TAPTON TERRACE PROPERTY LEVEL FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

(1) **Purpose of Report** To agree to contribute the sum of £7,000 to Chesterfield Borough Council, which will assist in funding the Tapton Terrace Property Level Flood Protection Scheme.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

Tapton Terrace, Chesterfield is a row of 26 residential terrace properties, which sit in an area of high flood risk. All of the properties on Tapton Terrace were significantly flooded in June 2007, when the 1m high flood wall at the side of the River Rother overtopped and subsequently all of the properties on Tapton Terrace were severely flooded. There have also been a number of other occasions in 2012, 2000 and previously in the early 1990s when properties at this location were flooded again (although not to the extent of the 2007 event).

In 2013-14, the County Council's Flood Risk Team looked at potential options to reduce flood risk to these properties and the most viable solution was to provide Property Level Protection (flood doors, air brick covers, etc) to all 26 properties on Tapton Terrace. These measures would not remove the flood risk, but would ensure that up to a flooded depth of 0.9m, flood water would not enter the properties and cause extensive damage, as in previous flooding events.

An outline scheme was developed by the Chesterfield Borough Council, which included detailed surveys of each property, to ensure each one has the right flood mitigation products installed.

The total scheme cost came to £164,000, with £141,000 of Flood Defence Grant in Aid being allocated, a small funding gap of £23,000 remained. At the time it was agreed that both Derbyshire County Council and Chesterfield Borough Council would fill this small funding gap, to enable the scheme to go ahead as planned and also ensure that the grant funding was fully secured.

Therefore, an indicative allocation of £7,000 was committed to be taken from the Council's Flood Reserve account, as and when required.

The Contract for this scheme was awarded in October 2018 and is due for completion at the end of January 2019.

(3) **Financial Considerations** Although the Council had initially instigated and project managed this scheme, when it came round to delivering it, the Council's Flood Risk Management Team did not have the sufficient staff resources at that time (early 2016) to complete it. Therefore, the scheme was formally handed over to Chesterfield Borough Council in 2017, for it to deliver. Agreement is now being sought to contribute £7,000 to Chesterfield Borough Council.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Derbyshire County Council is the lead local flood authority (LLFA) and must create and apply a local flood risk management strategy.

As LLFA, the County Council co-ordinates the management of flood risk working closely with District and Borough Councils.

Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides the County Council with the power to do anything calculated to facilitate the discharge of any of its functions.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Richard Ward, extension 35487.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member approves the contribution of £7,000 to Chesterfield Borough Council, which will assist in funding the Tapton Terrace Property Level Flood Protection Scheme.

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