

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

13 March 2012

Report of the Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**FARNSLEY LANE, STONEY MIDDLETON – REPAIR OF FLOOD
DAMAGE (HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To inform Cabinet about the condition of Farnsley Lane, Stoney Middleton, the proposals for future maintenance and to request the creation of an additional Capital Budget Scheme for the repairs.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Farnsley Lane is a non-classified rural road which is single track with a steep gradient and links the A623 at Middleton Dale with Moisty Lane, Cavendish Mill, Stoney Middleton.

On 22 January 2007, the settlement lagoon attached to the then Glebe Mines' facility at Cavendish Mill overflowed and caused a torrent of water to flow down Farnsley Lane, ultimately ending up in the village of Stoney Middleton via the carriageway of A623 Middleton Dale and the adjacent watercourse.

The flow of water down Farnsley Lane caused the undermining and scouring of the existing carriageway, lifting parts of the asphalt surface and eroding others, including a retained section of carriageway. The structural damage was such that the road was destroyed completely and remains closed, even to pedestrians.

The Loss Adjuster for Glebe Mines' insurers has accepted liability for the emergency response, subsequent clean-up and repairs to the local infrastructure, including the repair of Farnsley Lane and a scheme for the reconstruction to bring it back to its original condition is currently with the County Council's Design consultants with a view to construction in summer 2012, subject to approval.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The Loss Adjusters for Glebe Mines' insurers has admitted liability for the work to reconstruct Farnsley Lane. The current estimate for the work is in the region of £115,000. The Council will seek to recover all the costs incurred from the insurers. Any costs incurred

that the County Council cannot justifiably recover will have to be met from the Highways Maintenance Budget.

(4) **Property Considerations** There are no property considerations associated with this report.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health 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** These are held in the Highways Area Management Division of the Environmental Services Department. Officer contact details – Paul Beckett, extension 38585.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That Cabinet:

8.1 Notes the proposal to reconstruct Farnsley Lane, Stoney Middleton.

8.2 Approves the addition of this work to the 2011/12 Capital Programme.

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