

Extract from minutes of Community Services Committee held on 26 November 2009

## **Community Services Committee**

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Held at Members Lounge Ryedale House, Malton  
on Thursday 26 November 2009

### **Present**

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Councillors Mrs V Arnold (Vice-Chair), Cowan, Mrs L Cowling (Chairman), Mrs Frank, Hawkins, Hemesley, Hope, Keal and Mrs Keal

By Invitation: Councillor Andrews

**Overview and Scrutiny Observers:** Councillors Andrews, Clark and Windress

### **In Attendance**

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Mrs Beckie Bennett, Mrs Fiona Brown, Mrs Liz Hayes, Mrs Marie-Ann Jackson, Mr Steve Richmond, Mr Phil Long, Mr Julian Rudd,

## **Minutes**

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### **Vale of Pickering Channel Management Pilot Project**

Members considered a report which sought support for a request for a financial contribution from Ryedale District Council towards a jointly funded Channel Management Pilot Project in the Vale of Pickering. The project followed an independent assessment of the condition of the main rivers in the Vale of Pickering.

The objective of the pilot projects were to assess the effects of vegetation and sedimentation on water levels in the main rivers within the Vale of Pickering and to assess the effects of maintenance of vegetation and sedimentation of the main rivers on ecological biodiversity. The two main river reaches identified for investigation were the River Hertford/Derwent from the A64 at Staxton to the confluence with Thornton Beck, and the River Derwent, from Rye mouth to Old Malton.

Full details of the proposed project were contained in an annex to the report

### **Resolved:**

That the Policy and Resources Committee be requested to approve the following;

- (i) funding for the 3 year project up to a maximum of £28m,000 (£15,000 in year one, £8,000 in year two and £5,000 in year three) from the existing Capital Provision 'Pickering Flood Scheme' of £1m
- (ii) Procurement of the project be undertaken by either the Environment Agency or the Internal Drainage Board; and
- (iii) Ryedale District Council be regularly updated regarding progress and project findings emanating from the study.