



REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	18 FEBRUARY 2016
REPORT OF THE:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR
TITLE OF REPORT:	REVIEW OF COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR FLOODING
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present members of the committee with some suggestion for the scope of the scrutiny review following a notice on motion proposed by Councillor Burr and seconded by Councillor P Andrews.
"In the light of recent floods, we call upon the Council to commit reserves to install permanent pumps at Brawby, Old Malton, and Castlegate, Malton/Church Street, Norton."

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That members of the committee:
- a) Agree the terms of reference for the review of the motion on flooding.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The key to a successful scrutiny review is agreeing a clear terms of reference before embarking on the review.
- 3.2 The task group will undertake the work on the reviews and require a minimum of two members of the committee but are open to all.
- 3.3 The first phase of the review will inform the scope and timeframe for the subsequent phase of the reviews.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That members agree the terms of reference for the scrutiny review, with a presentation to the next meeting.

3.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 3.1 There are significant funding implications associated with the motion. Costs for

permanent pumping solutions in Malton and Norton alone have been estimated by North Yorkshire County Council to equate to around £4.8 million with the potential of some central Government FCERM grant in contribution towards this which they estimate could be around £2.2m.

4.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 4.1 The review follows a request from two councillors that the council commit reserves to fund permanent pumps in Malton, Norton and Brawby. The motion submitted followed an extensive period of flooding in Malton and Norton which facilitated the deployment of the multi agency pump plan to protect properties from flooding in Malton and Norton.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The review will include engagement with key stakeholders such as other statutory partners with responsibility for flood alleviation and North Yorkshire County Council who have the role and responsibility as Lead local Flood Authority.

6.0 POLICY CONTEXT

Aim 1: To create the conditions for economic success

Strategic Objectives:

- Place of opportunity – economic structure and supporting infrastructure
- Opportunity for people – increasing wage and skills levels through the provision of more and better jobs.

Aim 3: To have a high quality clean and sustainable environment

Strategic Objectives:

- Planning to adapt to climate change and reducing CO2 emissions
- To protect and improve the quality of our local environment

7.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 7.1 The motion calls on the Council to commit reserves to fund permanent pumps in Malton, Norton and Brawby. In considering this request the committee needs to be aware of both the District Councils responsibility and the responsibilities of other agencies regarding flooding - Annex A

- 7.2 The tables attached at Annex B presents a draft terms of reference for the review covering the following areas:

- Aim of the review
- Why has this review been selected?
- Who will undertake the review?
- How will the review be undertaken?
- What are the expected outputs?
- Timescale

- 7.3 Potential questions that the committee could consider in scoping the review include:

- The role and responsibility regarding flooding for Ryedale DC.
- The role and responsibility of other agencies regarding flooding

- The context, extent and location of flooded properties in the whole of the Ryedale area and should these be included in the scope of the review.
- Review the North Yorkshire Malton, Norton and Old Malton recently commissioned Flood study.
- Appraisal of flood alleviation options regarding the North Yorkshire commissioned flood study and potential indicative costs of this (from NYCC) and a solution for Brawby regarding the sewage treatment works (from YWA)
- How they intend to fund the technical support required regarding examination of cost and scheme detail in Malton, Norton, Brawby and other areas in Ryedale where flooding is considered to be of concern
- Understanding of Ryedale's current and future financial position regarding financial constraints on potential funding for flood alleviation measures

It is estimated that this review would take six months, starting in April 2016 and making recommendations to Policy and Resources in June 2016

Recommendations could include:

- Development of a clear policy regarding funding requests for flood alleviation measures encompassing requests for contributory funding from the responsible agencies.

8.0 NEXT STEPS

8.1 Dates of future meetings of the task group will be agreed

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial
 - Potentially significant both in terms of specialist technical advice and affordability. Costs for a permanent pumping solution for Malton and Norton alone have been estimated by North Yorkshire County Council to equate to around £4.8 million.
- b) Legal
 - None currently
- c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental, Crime & Disorder)
 - None at this stage, equality impact assessment will be undertaken as part of the review process.

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Background Papers: