

PART B: RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: 24 NOVEMBER 2016

REPORT OF THE: CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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TITLE OF REPORT: SCRUTINY REVIEW

THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL IN FLOOD MANAGEMENT

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report includes recommendations to Council arising from the review of the Councils flood management and response in Ryedale.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Members agree the final report.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To enable the Council to both deliver and support a range of local solutions that matter to a number of communities across the District.
- 3.2 The recommendations seek to ensure a range of improvements to flood response across all flood risk management partners whilst supporting and enabling communities prone to flooding impacts to develop and strengthen their own resilience and response.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

4.1 There are no significant risks in considering the recommendations although without support some communities are at risk of recurring flooding impacts. Investing in prevention and community resilience will save money for the Council and partners in the long term.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

5.1 The recommendations endorse the Councils commitment to supporting all communities across the district affected by flooding in accordance with the Local Flood Risk Strategy.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

6.1 Attached to this report is the final report of the review undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee into the flooding affecting the district which was prioritised following the Boxing Day 2015 flood event and following a motion to Council on 14 January 2016:

"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."

- 6.2 The review has examined the following:
 - The different types of flooding affecting the district
 - The roles and responsibilities of Ryedale District Council regarding flooding affecting our communities
 - The roles and responsibilities of other risk management authorities regarding flooding
 - The context, extent and location of flooded properties in the whole of the Ryedale area
 - The Arup Flood Study commissioned by NYCC for Malton, Norton and Old Malton and an appraisal of the potential flood alleviation options and the associated funding implications
 - The effectiveness of Community Resilience Planning
 - The specific impacts of flooding and a range of potential solutions for communities who have experienced flooding
 - Potential financial support to be allocated by Ryedale District Council to a range of solutions which will give long term benefits to all communities affected by flooding and enable an improved overall response to flooding

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The following implications have been identified:
 - a) Financial

The recommendations have a one-off impact on the revenue budget of £15,000 and a commitment of up to £400,000 in the capital programme for Flood Schemes Support.

b) Legal

There are no significant legal issues in considering this report.

c) Other

There are no significant other issues in considering this report.

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Background Papers:

See the review report attached