



PART B:	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE:	4 JULY 2019
REPORT OF THE:	HEAD OF WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BECKIE BENNETT
TITLE OF REPORT:	FUNDING FOR MALTON, NORTON AND OLD MALTON FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME
WARDS AFFECTED:	MALTON AND NORTON

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks a decision from Elected Members as to whether they wish to commit up to 20% funding, equivalent to a maximum of £320,000 from the New Homes Bonus Reserve, as the Council's contribution towards the delivery of the Malton, Norton and Old Malton Flood Alleviation Scheme (MNOMFAS) with whole scheme costs now forecast to be £1.6m.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To recommend to Council:
- a) A 20% contribution towards the Malton, Norton and Old Malton Flood Alleviation Scheme (MNOMFAS) up to a maximum of £320,000 from the New Homes Bonus Reserve.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 On 8 December 2016, following the Scrutiny Review of the Council's role in Flood Management, Council resolved that they may consider that funding be allocated from the New Homes Bonus towards the funding gap of £1.8m of the approved DEFRA Grant in Aid scheme for the alleviation of flooding in Malton, Norton and Old Malton and that any contribution should be upto 20% of the funding gap (Minute No 37).
- 3.2 Over the past two years work to progress the business case for the Malton, Norton and Old Malton Flood Alleviation Scheme (MNOMFAS) has continued. Detailed designs have been developed which has resulted in options to deliver a rationalised scheme with whole scheme costs now estimated at £1.6m (previously £3m).
- 3.3 Partner contributions, previously made in principle, are expected to fully fund the rationalised scheme therefore the Council is now being asked to confirm their level of funding which is a condition of the business case to secure £500,000 growth funding from the LEP.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 There is a significant risk and experience confirms that repeat flooding events will continue to affect Malton, Norton and Old Malton. A series of alleviation measures have been identified which will improve the response to flooding and serve to reduce the impact and flood risk affecting these communities.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 This report relates to all the Council's priorities; managing the environment of Ryedale with partners and supporting improvements to enhance and deliver sustainable growth; making the best use of resources to ensure maximum benefit for all customers and communities and building capacity in partnership.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 6.1 At its meeting on 8 December 2016, the Council made a number of decisions following the Scrutiny Review of the Council's role in Flood Management including the consideration of a funding allocation from the New Homes Bonus towards the funding gap of £1.8m of the approved DEFRA Grant in Aid Scheme for the alleviation of flooding in Malton, Norton and Old Malton and that any contribution should be to a maximum of 20% of the funding gap (Minute No 37).
- 6.2 The Council, at its meeting on 6 December 2018, also approved additional revenue funding of £13,000 (to provide 50% funding totalling £25,000) to support a shared one year fixed term contract for a joint Flood Risk Management Project Manager with NYCC (Minute No 50).
- 6.3 NYCC as Lead Flood Risk Management Authority, commissioned consultants to make progress with the MNOMFAS which identified a series of actions and further detailed designs have resulted in a series of options to deliver a rationalised scheme with whole scheme costs now valued at £1.6m (previously £3m).
- 6.4 Since April 2019, the Project Manager has been working closely with consultants progressing with detailed designs to enable specifications to be produced and contractors to be commissioned to implement and deliver specific alleviation measures.
- 6.5 The projected rationalised scheme forecast costs are presented below:

EXPENDITURE TYPE	£
Business case preparation	30,000
Designs/permissions/surveys	10,000
Malton measures	436,408
Norton measures	681,086
Old Malton measures	457,352
TOTAL FORECAST COSTS	1,614,846

- 6.6 The scheme will deliver a series of outcomes and further details of the expected deliverables are shown in Appendix 1.

- Local Property Level Protection
 - Retro-fitting of sustainable drainage to enhance the street scene and reduce the volume of water entering the combined sewer
 - Capital improvements to Riggs Road Drain, Old Malton
 - Improve Local Flood Warning Procedures and Telemetry
 - Construct Permanent Chambers for Temporary Pumps
 - Control of Surface/Ground Water Flowpaths, Castlegate/Sheepfoot Hill
- 6.7 Whilst there are still business cases to submit to secure funding, the original commitments from a combination of partners including NYCC, Environment Agency, Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Fund contribution and RDC are now forecast to fully fund the MNOMFAS.
- 6.8 NYCC have also progressed with work to support the business case to secure growth funding totalling £500,000 from the LEP and one condition of this funding is to demonstrate funding commitments by December 2019.
- 6.9 Other work planned this year will also involve engaging residents and local stakeholders to identify areas that may attract additional funding or property level resilience measures which can be implemented to reduce the risk and/or impacts from future ground water flooding in Malton, Norton and Old Malton.
- 6.10 Member workshops and an annual stakeholder event are also planned to raise awareness of the work being undertaken to improve the response to flooding and reduce the impact in the community.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial
Capital: A contribution up to a maximum of £320,000 (20% of the rationalised scheme value of £1.6m) would be required from the New Homes Bonus Reserve if Elected Members approve the funding commitment.
- b) Legal
It is a condition of the Malton, Norton and Old Malton Flood Alleviation Scheme Business Case to secure £500,000 LEP Growth Funding that partner funding commitments are secured before December 2019.
- c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Climate Impact, Environmental, Crime & Disorder)
The alleviation measures which would be delivered through the MNOMFAS serve to provide assurance to the community that there is a multi-agency flood risk management commitment to delivering improved resilience measures to efficiently and effectively deal with secondary ground water flooding to protect up to 50 properties affected in Malton, Norton and Old Malton when periods of heavy rainfall affect the district. There are also environmental and economic benefits from the investment to deliver improvements to keep the highway network flowing and incorporate sustainable improvements.

8.0 NEXT STEPS

8.1 Elected members will be kept informed of progress with the MNOMFAS and details of the stakeholder event will also be shared once arrangements are confirmed.

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Background Papers:

Scrutiny Review of the Councils Role in Flood Management considered by Council on 8 December 2016

Additional Funding for a Flood Risk Management Project Manager Report to Council on 6 December 2018