



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership Board

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SUBJECT: Flood Defences

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of a new area of work which the Partnership is undertaking, on behalf of Ryedale District Council, following the recent announcement by the Environment Agency of provision of grant assistance for flood defence work in Kirkby Mills and Keldholme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted.

3.0 REPORT

3.1 The Partnership is currently administering on behalf of Ryedale District Council a grant scheme for properties within the known flood areas. This entails undertaking a survey of the property and advising the applicant on measures required to reduce the risk of the property flooding. The maximum grant allocation per dwelling is £2,500 of which the Partnership receives a 10% administration charge. This scheme was approved by Council in February and became operational from 1 April 2011.

3.2 In addition to the above scheme the Head of Environmental Services along with colleagues from surrounding district councils submitted proposals for a number of flood defence schemes to the Environment Agency. It was agreed that should any of these schemes fall within the North Yorkshire area the Partnership would administer the scheme. The only scheme which received the go ahead was Kirkby Mills/Keldholme

which received grant funding of £127,500 and became operational at the beginning of June 2011. A public meeting has been arranged for 1 July to advise residents of the scheme and to gain their support. As the grant has been agreed for this current financial year all works have to be concluded and grants paid before 31 March 2012.

- 3.3** At present the Partnership is overseeing flood defence work on seven dwellings in the Pickering area and advising on several properties in Kirkbymoorside, Sinnington and Kirkby Mills. Members will be kept informed of progress during the coming year.

4.0 POLICY CONTEXT

- 4.1** To protect the environment and promote developments constructed to appropriate standards reducing potential health risks.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** It is anticipated that the Partnership will receive an additional income of approximately £20,000 - £25,000 in the current financial year.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** All legal implications are covered within the current operational and insurance arrangements.

7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1** Risk on failing to advise correctly on flood defences is minimal and would be covered within the Partnership's professional indemnity insurance.

8.0 CONCLUSION

It is essential that the Partnership diversifies into any new income streams to maximize profitability and secure long term viability.

Background Papers: There are no background papers.

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