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<b>PART B:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL</b>
<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>15 NOVEMBER 2018</b>
<b>REPORT OF THE:</b>	<b>DELIVERY &amp; FRONTLINE SERVICES LEAD BECKIE BENNETT</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT MANAGER (WITH NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL) AND RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S FLOOD GRANT FUND</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report seeks a decision from Members as to whether they wish to support a jointly funded flood risk project manager with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) on a 50/50 basis and agree to topping up the current Flood Grant Fund to support other potential applications.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 To recommend to Council:
- a) The approval of additional revenue funding of £13,000 to support a shared one year fixed term contract for a joint Flood Risk Management Project Manager with NYCC; and
  - b) £20,000 additional funding into the current Flood Grant Fund from reserves.

### **3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 On 8 December 2016, following the Scrutiny Review of the Council's role in Flood Management, Council agreed to commit £12,000 funding to resource a project manager (up to a maximum of 20%) to progress delivery of the Malton, Norton and Old Malton Flood Study Project (MNOMFSP) and drive partnership working, on the basis that match funding would be forthcoming from partners of the Malton and Norton Project Group (Minute No 37).
- 3.2 Over the past two years officers from NYCC and RDC have been working together to progress various actions to improve flood response in Malton, Norton and Old Malton.
- 3.3 The work has reached a point where In order to progress with actions and options identified in the MNOMFSP a dedicated full time project manager is required for one

year. The post would be technically supported by NYCC, managed jointly by NYCC and RDC and based at RDC in Malton the majority of the time.

- 3.4 The recommendation seeks to amend the original Council decision to increase the commitment to 50% and increase the amount of funding by £13,000 from £12,000 to £25,000.
- 3.5 NYCC, as Lead Flood Risk Authority, are also working with a number of parishes in Ryedale and surface water studies are being undertaken in Gilling, Hovingham, Kirkbymoorside, Sinnington and Thonrton-le-Dale. It is likely that each parish will submit an application to the RDC Flood Grant Fund for £5,000 each which will be match funded by NYCC. The Forestry Commission are also likely to apply for £5,000 towards their Enclosed Beaver Trial project.
- 3.6 The balance of the Flood Grant Fund is £17,300 therefore it is recommended the fund is topped by £20,000 to cover these potential applications whilst also leaving a balance of £7,200 for any other future applications.

#### **4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS**

- 4.1 There is a significant risk that without a dedicated resource the delivery of the options identified in the MNOMFSP will take many years as there is lack of resource capacity to make meaningful progress at NYCC and RDC.
- 4.2 There is also a risk that there will be insufficient funds in the RDC Grant Fund to meet the level of applications likely to be received which has the potential for parishes and other partner organisations being unable to implement flood resilience measures to reduce the flood risk affecting communities in the Ryedale district.

#### **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.

### **REPORT**

#### **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 which are attached in Annex 1 (Minute No 37).
- 6.2 The Council committed £12,000 funding (upto a maximum of 20%) to resource a project manager to progress delivery of the MNOMFSP.
- 6.3 Following this decision, NYCC commissioned consultants to make progress with the MNOMFSP which has identified a range of actions which require a dedicated resource to progress with detailed designs through to implementation together with 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.

- 6.4 The Council also resolved to consider funding which may be allocated from the New Homes Bonus towards the funding gap estimated at that time to be £1.8m of the approved Grant In Aid (GIA) Scheme on the Defra Programme for the alleviation of flooding in Malton, Norton and Old Malton where any contribution should be to a maximum of 20% of any funding gap.
- 6.5 Since this decision, scheme costs have been rationalised and are presently valued at £1.6m (originally £3m). Whilst there are still business cases to submit to secure funding, the original commitments from a mixture of NYCC, Environment Agency, Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Fund contribution and RDC are now forecast to fully fund the MNOMFSP.
- 6.6 Excellent progress has been made and the work has reached a point where in order to deliver actions and options a dedicated full time project manager is required for one year. The post would be technically supported by NYCC, managed jointly by NYCC and RDC and based at RDC in Malton the majority of the time.
- 6.7 The recommendation seeks to amend the original Council decision to increase the commitment to 50% and increase the amount of funding by £13,000 from £12,000 to £25,000 to enable NYCC to progress with the recruitment of a project manager.
- 6.8 The Council also resolved to allocate £50,000 to a Flood Grant Fund which has supported the delivery of local flood solutions in Malton, Norton and Brawby. The balance of the Flood Grant Fund is now £17,300.
- 6.9 NYCC, as Lead Flood Risk Authority, are currently working with a number of parishes in Ryedale and surface water studies are being undertaken in Gilling, Hovingham, Kirkbymoorside, Sinnington and Thonrton-le-Dale. It is likely that each parish will submit an application to the RDC Flood Grant Fund for £5,000 each which will be match funded by NYCC. The Forestry Commission are also likely to apply for £5,000 towards their Enclosed Beaver Trial project.
- 6.10 In order to meet the level of applications likely to be received, it is therefore recommended the fund is topped by £20,000 which will leave a small balance of £7,200 for any other future applications.

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The following implications have been identified:
- a) Financial  
Revenue: There is already budget provision of £12,000 to support a project manager post. A further £13,000 is required to provide a total of £25,000 towards a jointly funded one year fixed term contract post with NYCC..  
In order to top of the current grant fund by £20,000, a further contribution would be required from reserves.
  - b) Legal  
There are no legal implications.
  - c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental, Crime & Disorder)  
None.

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**Background Papers:**

**Scrutiny Review of the Councils Role in Flood Management considered by Council on 8 December 2016 – [insert link to the final report](#)**