

Public Document Pack

Flood Management Working Party

Held at Council Chamber - Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH
on Thursday 16 September 2021

Present

Councillors Paul Andrews (Substitute), Di Keal (Chair), Potter and Raper

In Attendance

Will Baines, Beckie Bennett, Alison Godfrey (virtually), Rachel Parks (virtually) and Margaret Wallace

Gary Collins and Lee Pitcher (Yorkshire Water)

Minutes

12 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Burr, Cussons and MacKenzie. Cllr Paul Andrews attended the meeting as the substitute for Councillor Burr.

13 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Flood Management Working Party held on 8 July 2021 were approved.

Voting Record

3 For

0 Against

1 Abstentions

14 Financial overview

Alison Godfrey from the Finance Team joined the meeting for the discussion of this item.

The briefing note circulated as part of the agenda was considered, with the amounts allocated to flooding in the Capital Programme, together with the additional capital funding agreed by Council in February 2021 and a small ongoing revenue budget all noted, along with the intended use of reserves through to 2025.

The work of the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership (YDCP) was discussed, following the request to all YDCP board members for an annual contribution of £5,000.

It was proposed by Cllr Keal and seconded by Cllr Potter to recommend to Policy and Resources committee that an annual contribution of £5,000 is

made to the YDCP in 2021/22 from the existing revenue budget. This would be reviewed every year in light of Local Government Reform.

Recommendation to P&R

That an annual contribution of £5,000 is made to the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership in 2021/22 from the existing revenue budget. This contribution is to be reviewed annually in light of Local Government Reform.

Voting Record

4 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

15 **Yorkshire Water update**

Lee Pitcher and Gary Collins from Yorkshire Water attended the meeting for the discussion of this item.

The ongoing work in Malton, Norton and Brawby, together with the next steps and indicative timetables were shared with the Working Party.

Points raised by elected members included:

- Whether there are plans for a permanent pump solution in Old Malton?
- The mitigations in place in Norton in case there is another flooding incident ahead of a potential solution being finalised?
- Has there been progress on rectifying the odour smell at Butcher Corner in Malton?
- What are the reasons for the current delays in receiving Environment Agency data?
- The awareness of future housing developments in the work undertaken by the consultants for the options work in Norton?
- What has been the effect of the recent changes to SuDs guidance and is there a potential link in to the work of other local authorities in creating a supplementary planning document?
- Can we identify the key causes of sewage contaminated flooding?
- Could Yorkshire Water invest more money in 'Slowing the Flow' projects?
- When will an accurate cost of the potential works in Norton be available?
- How widespread across the district are combined sewers?

It was agreed to invite the Environment Agency to a future Flood Management Working Party meeting to discuss their investment plans and pump provision in Old Malton.

The Working Party thanked Lee and Gary for their presentation and attending the meeting.

16 **Approval of draft letter to Government**

The draft letter to Government had been prepared following consultation with the Head of Planning and planning officers.

However, it was proposed to invite Emily Mellalieu from North Yorkshire County Council to attend the next meeting, ahead of finalising the contents of the letter and recommending it to Policy and Resources committee.

Therefore, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

17 **Action plan update**

Following the last Flood Management Working Party meeting, updates continue on the draft action plan. It is planned to circulate the action plan to Working Party members ahead of the next meeting for comments.

18 **Any other business**

The upcoming Environment Agency 'Yorkshire Series' webinar events were noted.

The recruitment of flood wardens was discussed, given the success of these in the Calder Valley. This had been delayed due to Covid-19 but remained under consideration.

It was asked if there was an update to the 'Vale of Pickering Channel Management Assessment and Planning' document from 2009. The report had been shared with Andrew Mclachlan, Chief Executive Officer at the Yorkshire & Humber Drainage Boards, who is happy to attend a future meeting.

19 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 5 October, 6:30pm start.

This page is intentionally left blank