

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 15 November 2021

Decision No: (CAB 21/22 32670)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Environment
SUBJECT:	River Itchen Flood Alleviation Scheme
AUTHOR:	Pete Boustred

THE DECISION

- (i) To note and recommend to Council the option; a mix of setback and frontline flood defences.
- (ii) To note this option involves a contribution of £3M from the Council to secure scheme funding of £31.5M from a Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) grant-in-aid (GiA) external grant.
- (iii) To note and recommend to Council the approval of the alignment on Drivers Wharf as a frontline.
- (iv) To note this option involves a further contribution of £7.2M from the Council, bringing the total contribution to £10.2M, to be funded from CIL in full.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Current flood risk to 153 homes, 288 businesses, short sections of mainline railway, parts of the A3024 Northam Road, and various critical infrastructure sites (electrical sub-stations, pumping stations). By 2120, the flood risk increases to 1,167 homes and 1,033 businesses, with potential flood depths of up to 1.8m.
2. Better protection to Northam Estate, a large SCC housing stock and community within 10% most deprived areas in England.
3. Improve the opportunity for regeneration by reducing flood risk to the area, without precluding development of waterside sites in the future.
4. Replacement of SCC owned quay wall at Drivers Wharf required within 10 years.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Do Nothing (£0) – no intervention. Rejected as leaves homes (including SCC Housing stocks) and businesses exposed to present-day flood risk.

- Drivers Wharf quay wall at risk of failure within 10 years.
2. Full setback (£27.1M) – a raised wall with an alignment taking the shortest viable route across the scheme area. Rejected as it leaves large areas at risk of flooding. Drivers Wharf quay wall at risk of failure within 10 years.
 3. Full frontline (£122.9M) – new raised wall (steel sheet piles) along the length of the riverbank. Rejected as unaffordable.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 15th November, 2021

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in (<i>if applicable</i>)