

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 21 May 2013

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 10406)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
SUBJECT:	ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT
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THE DECISION

- i. To accept the grant of £472,000 from Defra through the Flood Resilience Community Pathfinder Scheme;
- ii. To add, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, a sum of £472,000 to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme in order to deliver the Flood Risk Management scheme; and
- iii. To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedural Rules, capital expenditure of £472,000, phased £95,000 in 2013/14 and £377,000 In 2014/15 to deliver the flood risk management project in St. Denys.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. This new source of funding has been secured for delivery of a flood risk management project to improve household and community flood resilience within the area of St. Denys at significant risk of flooding following a recent successful funding bid.
2. Delivery of the flood risk management project will enable the Council to achieve implementation of one of the priority schemes identified within the Southampton Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy (2012).

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. An alternative is to not accept the funding. This option was rejected on the basis that those households within the significant flood risk area in St. Denys would continue to face the same level of risk with little or no assistance with implementing measures to help manage the risks in the short term. The Council would also have to find alternative funding sources to finance the identified scheme proposed within the Southampton Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy (2012) which might not be sufficient to deliver a combination of resistance and resilience measures and the wider community engagement work that can be achieved with this grant funding.

2. By not accepting the funding, the Council would also miss out on the opportunity to develop and share knowledge and experience locally and across the country with the other successful project bids, with a view to developing best practice which will be promoted nationally through the Defra Pathfinder scheme.

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: 21 May 2013

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>)