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West Sussex Local Flood Risk Management workplan

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **That Cabinet support the prioritised West Sussex Local Flood Risk Management workplan.**
- 2.2. **That Cabinet support the Surface Water Management Plan for the Manhood Peninsula.**

3. Background

- 3.1. The purpose of this report is to update the Cabinet on the prioritised workplan identified in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) and seek support for the projects and investigations listed which are designed to reduce flood risk to our communities.
- 3.2. Cabinet received a report on the West Sussex LFRMS at its meeting on 25th February 2014 and resolved:-
 - That the principle of the current workplan within the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy be supported.
 - That future developments to and prioritisation of the workplan be reported to the Cabinet for consideration.
- 3.3. The prioritised workplan relating to works within the Chichester District is attached as Appendix 1 and shows 35 schemes that have been identified for action by Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) including CDC, WSCC and the Environment Agency. It is acknowledged that the list is incomplete in that Southern Water schemes are not yet included and also items may emerge from the forthcoming Manhood Drainage Area Plan.

- 3.4. The complete workplan is a working document covering the whole of West Sussex and schemes will be added/removed as circumstances dictate. In that sense it will never be a completed list but will build over time to demonstrate how the different RMAs are managing the risk. The workplan includes numbers of properties to benefit, estimated costs, funding secured and whether the scheme is in progress.
- 3.5. The schemes are prioritised based on a number of factors including: frequency of flooding, residential risk, highways risk, infrastructure risk, non-residential risk, foul water flooding and social factors. Of the six schemes in Chichester District that are categorised as Very High priority, four have progressed satisfactorily and will be funded by Defra Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA). In the case of the two beach management plans a £500k contribution from existing CDC budget over the ten year period is included in the £2m total cost.
- 3.6. CDC is noted as the lead authority for 16 of the 35 schemes but this does not necessarily commit us to any expenditure. Our role on the majority of projects is to encourage riparian owners to meet their statutory duty in maintaining flow in ordinary watercourses.
- 3.7. Where the riparian owner is not identifiable there may be an opportunity for CDC to carry out works on a without prejudice basis in order to reduce flood risk. To date we have not encountered any completely insoluble issue but it will be more efficient in some rare cases to carry out the work ourselves rather than continue to pursue unidentified riparian owners. Such work would be undertaken within current revenue budgets.
- 3.8. The workplan will be maintained and updated by the West Sussex Drainage Strategy Team in conjunction with other RMAs. The workplan contains projects to be undertaken by all RMAs, not just WSCC.
- 3.9. The Surface Water Management Plan for the Manhood Peninsula is complete and a summary is attached as Appendix 2 for information.

4. Outcomes to be achieved

- 4.1. The LFRMS workplan will be used to monitor progress on flood risk reduction in West Sussex.
- 4.2. The workplan indicates the lead authority for each scheme. However, even where works are not a high priority CDC may, through the capital programme, decide to complete certain schemes to decrease flood risk in our communities.

5. Proposal

- 5.1. To support the West Sussex LFRMS workplan to enable CDC, in partnership with WSCC as the lead authority and other RMAs, to collectively fulfil the responsibilities under the Flood and Surface Water Management Act 2010 and progress an agreed programme of works.

- 5.2. To support and endorse the Manhood Surface Water Management Plan, a summary of which is at Appendix 2.

6. Alternatives that have been considered

- 6.1. To not support the workplan, which will restrict the possibility of partnership working between the various RMAs and also reduce the potential for successfully applying for grant aid towards flood alleviation works.

7. Resource and legal implications

- 7.1 The LFRMS workplan enhances the ability to address local flood risks irrespective of any parameters other than drainage need and available funds. It provides a method of applying for grant aid, in conjunction with other RMAs, but it also provides the optional potential to make a 'local' contribution towards the overall cost of any flood mitigation scheme.
- 7.2 Not all of the items on the workplan are fully funded, nor necessarily need undertaking in the short term, however, funding for projects can be provided from various sources. WSCC and CDC have both provided additional funds to assist with the current programme of works; application can also be made for grant aid from the Environment Agency through their Medium Term Plan.

8. Community impact and corporate risks

- 8.1. The LFRMS workplan demonstrates the type and degree of flood risk reduction schemes that are scheduled to occur in the short and long term, when funding is available.

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| Other Implications | | |
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| Crime & Disorder: | | No |
| Climate Change: | Yes | |
| Human Rights and Equality Impact: | | No |
| Safeguarding: | | No |

10. Background Papers

- 10.1 WSCC Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

11. Appendices

- 11.1 WSCC Flood Risk Work Plan (for schemes within Chichester District)
- 11.2 Manhood Peninsula Surface Water Management Plan summary