

Supplement to the agenda for

Cabinet

Thursday 30 September 2021

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6. REVISION OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR PRIORITY FLOOD WORKS	3 - 6



Meeting:	Cabinet
Meeting date:	30 September 2021
Title of report:	Revision of Capital Programme Budget for Priority Flood Works
Report by:	Cabinet member infrastructure and transport

Please note that an appendix to the report has been published as a late paper which sets out the proposed executive response to the recommendations made by the general scrutiny committee at their meeting of 22 September 2021.

The recommendations in this report are amended as follows to incorporate approval of the executive response:

Recommendation(s)

That

(a) the executive response to the recommendations of the general scrutiny committee at appendix 1 be approved;

(b) having regard to the recommendations of general scrutiny committee, cabinet recommend to council in year adjustments to the capital programme set out in paragraph 11 below to allow realignment of capital spend to flood repair projects that require the allocation of budget within the programme budget of £4.027m as follows:

Fownhope Landslip Budget reduced from £1.565m to £0.510m

Fownhope Retaining Wall Collapse budget increased from £1m to £1.15m

Unallocated budget of £905k from combined Fownhope budgets remains as contingency for remaining flood works; and

(c) The Cabinet member for infrastructure and transport is delegated authority (in consultation with the Section 151 officer) to realign the Whitney on Wye and/or the Various Damage site budgets as costs for these works are confirmed.

Appendix 1: Summary of recommendations to the executive and executive responses

On 22 September 2021, the General Scrutiny Committee considered the report 'Priority Flood Repair Works Capital Programme: Realignment 'The committee resolved 'That the committee puts forward the following recommendations to the executive'.				
Recommendation a.	More detail on the overall costs, and assurances to be given on the final costs for this project, to show that the council has been charged for only the costs it is liable for and that these are included in the full Council report.			
Executive response	Accepted in part. The report to council will include a breakdown of scheme costs demonstrating original target costs for the project and subsequent cost changes which have been scrutinised and agreed by the Councils Contract Management team (CMT). This cost takes account of any cost which has been discounted and disallowed by the Councils lead officer and CMT and as such this process of change control provides assurance that only eligible costs have and will be paid to date and by the council when make final project payments.			
Action	Owner	By when	Target/success criteria	Progress
Provide requested cost information in the report to Council	Mairead Lane	30 October 2021	Information included in Council paper when published	In Progress
Recommendation b.	Moving forward with strategic projects – greater emphasis should move to revenue funding more detailed design phases to ensure greater confidence can be given to allocating capital funding.			
Executive response	Accepted Funding for development of projects prior to capital funding being secured and / or included in the capital programme should be considered to enable a pipeline of projects to a point that they can progress when funding is secured. This type of funding will remove the pressure of project capital spend decapitalised if on individual service area being a project does not progress to construction / delivery.			
Action	Owner	By when	Target/success criteria	Progress
Consider and confirm funding for development of capital projects.	Andrew Lovegrove / Lisa Evans	31 March 2022		
Recommendation c.	A lessons learned from this and all future projects is to be taken forward in to future projects			
Executive response	Accepted. An independent review of the Fownhope schemes is progressing and will be reported to the GSC at a future meeting. A lessons learned process will be completed for these flood repair projects in line with the Verto management process.			
	Owner	By when	Target/success criteria	Progress

Complete external review of Fownhope Projects	Guy Goodman			In progress
Undertake lessons learned process for Stone Cottage Retaining Wall and Lechmere Lay Landslip schemes to enable lessons learned to be taken forward into future projects	Neil Taylor			