

CABINET

DATE OF MEETING: 2 JANUARY 2020

TITLE OF REPORT: PHOENIX GREEN FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Report of: Head of Environment and Technical Services

Cabinet member: Councillor Alan Oliver, Cabinet Member for Environment

I PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To obtain cabinet approval for the Council to make a contribution towards the cost of delivering the Phoenix Green flood alleviation scheme.

1.2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

2 Cabinet authorises the Council to make a contribution of £70k towards the cost of delivering the Phoenix Green flood alleviation scheme.

2.2 BACKGROUND

3 In 2007 following a period of heavy rainfall, 20 properties in the Phoenix Green area of Hartley Wintney experienced internal flooding. Flooding also occurred in 2000 and 2009.

3.1 Following the 2007 flood event, the Council secured Environment Agency (EA) funding to deliver a feasibility study into a potential flood alleviation scheme for Phoenix Green. The feasibility study investigated many alternative options for addressing the flooding problems before recommending the preferred scheme.

3.2 Delivery of the feasibility scheme which has been fully funded by the EA, which has cost £142k to date. The Council's contribution to this being to provide officer time to support the project.

4 PROPOSED SCHEME

4.1 The outcome of the feasibility study was the recommendation of scheme which will provide flood protection to 38 properties in Phoenix Green. This will be delivered through a combination of natural flood management measures and property level protection.

4.2 The estimated total scheme cost for construction, which excludes the £142k spent to date, is £470k. It is proposed that this will be funded as follows:

- £330k to be funded through a combination of Flood Defence Grant in Aid from the Department for Environment Fisheries and Rural Affairs [DEFRA], and local levy from the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, both administered by the EA

- £70k to be provided by Vivid Housing Association (letter confirming the contribution is attached at Appendix I).
- £70k proposed contribution from Hart District Council.

4.3 The EA has confirmed that provision of their funding is conditional on the contributions from both Hart District Council and Vivid Housing Association being confirmed.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Is the proposal identified in the Service Plan?	Yes
Is the proposal being funded from current budgets?	No
Have staffing resources already been identified and set aside for this proposal?	Yes

5.1 Approval of this report’s recommendations will require £70k to be allocated from capital reserves to fund the Council’s contribution.

6 ACTION

6.1 The EA will be notified of the Cabinet decision following this meeting and £70k will be allocated within Hart’s capital programme to fund its contribution to the works.

6.2 The council will commission a contractor from the Environment Agency’s framework to undertake the first phase of the project to survey properties and deliver property flood protection measures. The first phase of works will be completed by spring 2021. The second phase of the project is to implement natural flood risk management measures, which will be completed during financial year 2021/22.

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APPENDICES

Appendix I – Letter confirming Vivid Housing Association contribution

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

RE: Protecting Vivid housing in Phoenix Green, Hartley Wintney from flooding

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Tue 26/03/2019 10:20

To: Susanna Hope <susanna.hope@hart.gov.uk>;

Cc: Mike Shepherd <Mike.Shepherd@vividhomes.co.uk>; Kevin Hartshorn <Kevin.Hartshorn@vividhomes.co.uk>;

Morning Susanna

We've had a discussion about your request for financial support in 2020/21 for the flood protection works at Phoenix Green.

Based on the positive impact it will have on mitigating the risk of flooding to our homes, we are happy to commit funding of **£70,000 during 2020/21**, forming part of the bid you'll be making to the Environment Agency.

If you require anything more formal from me to support your application, please let me know and I'll be happy to arrange this.

Kind regards

Julian

Julian Chun

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