

MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise the Members of the status of the project.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the report.

3. DETAILS

Following on from the December 2009 Area Committee meeting, local members and officers met to discuss the project. The outcome of that meeting was to re-programme the scheme, assuming that access to the necessary ground will be achieved by voluntary agreement rather than through the powers obtained by the lengthy process contained in the Flood Prevention Act.

Accordingly a site investigation tender has been issued to obtain information on the ground below John Street. This is expected to be on site in February.

The tenders for the main works (retaining walls and bunds upstream of and at the supermarket, the draw-off chamber/weir at the carpark and the completion of the flood relief pipe in John Street) are now programmed for issue in spring with expected start on site in the summer. Works are likely to take a year and when completed, will deal with the majority of the flows in the burn up to the 1 in 100 year plus climate change flood event. Consideration can then be given as to whether any works would be required in future, downstream of the supermarket.

Estates colleagues have been in contact with the supermarket to set up a meeting to discuss compensation for the loss of car parking spaces during the works. The supermarket's approach to this is absolutely vital to progress with the scheme for the programme above.

The project will be taken through the Outline Business Case procedure.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 4.1 | Policy | None |
| 4.2 | Financial | All construction costs have a financial risk |

4.3	Personnel	Significant officer time is required to develop the project
4.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	Not required
4.5	Legal	The current programme assumes that access to the ground to undertake the project will be secured by voluntary means. If this is not successful, the scheme will need to be advertised through the Flood Prevention Act.

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