

FLOODING IN CAMPBELTOWN – POTENTIAL REMEDIAL WORKS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report follows-on from the April Area Committee report which provided Members with a list of measures which could potentially reduce the effects of flooding in Campbeltown.

1.2 On the basis that flooding will occur on occasions in Campbeltown, options are being considered, which could reduce the effects of flooding at the lower part of the town in Saddell Street and John Street. Initiatives under consideration include temporary pumping, kerb realignment and physical protection of properties – a working group meeting to discuss initiatives has been arranged for 26th May 2015. A verbal update, following the group meeting, will be provided at the Area Committee.

1.3 Should additional funding be required to implement any of the new initiatives, a further report will require to be presented to the Policy and Resources Committee for their consideration.

1.4 It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report follows on from the report presented to Members at the April Area Committee. The April report provided Members with a list of potential initiatives which could reduce the effects of flooding in Campbeltown. This report provides some background to the forthcoming 'working group' meeting arranged for 26th May 2015.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Members have previously been advised that a permanently engineered solution, which fully addresses surface water flooding in Campbeltown, is not deliverable given current funding levels and numerous competing demands.

3.2 Surface water flooding in Campbeltown has generally occurred after overtopping of surface water at Millknowe which flows down to the low point of the town at Saddell Street and John Street causing flooding in that area. The information contained in the detail to this report will form the basis for discussions at the forthcoming 'working group' meeting.

4. DETAIL

4.1 As discussed with Members at the April Area Committee, options are being considered, which could reduce the effects of flooding in Campbeltown; these fall into three broad categories:-

- Pumping – Temporary or permanent pipework and pump to remove flood water from the Saddell Street and John Street area to the Esplanade. Pumping should affect water levels at property frontages and reduce the threat of flooding.
- Vertical Realignment of footway / carriageway – A level survey has been carried out at Saddell Street and John Street (the low point in the town) to allow some consideration of possible changes in kerb levels to divert water away from properties. Survey information will be the subject of discussion at the forthcoming working group meeting.
- Physical protection of properties – Advice has already been provided to property owners regarding possible measures which they could take to protect their properties.

4.2 The three options listed in 4.1 above will provide some protection against the effects of flooding. The working group will aim to 'alleviate the effects of flooding in the low area of the town by utilising practicable solutions which must be realistically achievable given existing financial constraints'. The group will feed back to the Area Committee on a regular basis until the work of the group has been concluded – a verbal update will be provided to Members at the June Area Committee.

4.3 Should additional funding be required to implement any of the above initiatives, a further report will require to be presented to the Policy and Resources Committee for their consideration.

5. CONCLUSION

This report provides information on action to be taken to reduce the effects of surface water flooding in Campbeltown.

6. IMPLICATIONS

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| 6.1 | Policy | The Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act empowers the Council, for the purpose of preventing the flooding of land, to maintain any watercourse or ancillary apparatus. |
| 6.2 | Financial | Funding for any related works, following investigations mentioned in this report, will have to be identified. |
| 6.3 | Legal | The Council is able to undertake the actions noted, in accordance with the powers under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009. |
| 6.4 | HR | None |
| 6.5 | Equalities | None |
| 6.6 | Risk | The works considered in this report will not reduce the risk of flooding, but will reduce the effects of flooding. |
| 6.7 | Customer Services | None |

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