

## REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 27 MARCH 2018

### FLOOD RISK AND COAST PROTECTION PROGRAMME OF MEASURES 2018/2019

#### 1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 **Approve the Flood Management and Coast Protection Programme of Measures for 2018/2019 as detailed in Appendix A, as it relates to the Marr Area;**
- 1.2 **Approve the schemes on the Reserve List of Measures within the Marr Area, as detailed in Appendix A;**
- 1.3 **Agree that schemes can be brought forward from the Reserve List in the order of priority given in the event of slippage, provided that their inclusion does not result in the overall expenditure exceeding the allocated budget sum; and**
- 1.4 **Note that approval for any Marr Area based procurements over £50,000 will be sought within the Infrastructure Service 2018/2019 Procurement Plan.**

#### 2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 Aberdeenshire Council has over 4,000 kilometres of watercourses and around 200 kilometres of coastline. The watercourses include major rivers such as the Dee, Don, Deveron, Ythan and North Esk as well as around 80 minor rivers and burns. There are also many open and culverted or piped smaller watercourses.
- 2.2 Under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 there is a strategic framework for considering appropriate mechanisms to manage flood risk. SEPA published the Flood Risk Management Strategy for the Scotland including the North East District, which was approved by the Environment Minister in December 2015.
- 2.3 Aberdeenshire Council as Lead Local Authority for the North East District has developed the North East Local Flood Risk Management Plan (LFRMP), which was published in June 2016. This presents a summary of the objectives and measures to manage flood risk and details of how the measures will be implemented, as well as timescales for delivery, funding arrangements and details of partnership working to deliver these measures. The LFRMP can be viewed at:  
<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/flooding/flood-risk-management-scotland-act-2009/>
- 2.4 The allocations for 2018/19, as indicated in Appendix A consist:

- a) Issues outwith the Local Flood Risk Management Plan identified on the basis of surveys and cyclic inspections that have taken place throughout the previous year on the Aberdeenshire coastline and its watercourses. Issues raised by the public, local councillors and other council services are also taken into account when compiling the programme following necessary investigations of the problems by members of the team.
  - b) Specific actions identified in the Local Flood Risk Management Plan such as:
    - Inspection and assessment of bodies of water required under S18 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009
    - Flood Protection Studies
    - Surface Water Management Plans
    - Clearance and Repair required under S59 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009
- 2.5 Aberdeenshire Council has a duty to inspect watercourses from time to time and assess the flooding risks associated with them. The Council is then required to undertake clearance and maintenance works where these will lead to a significant reduction in the flood risk to property. Improvements to existing flood and coastal defences or provision of new defences may also be undertaken under permissive powers.
- 2.6 A reserve list of measures has also been prepared from which projects can be brought forward in the event of delays in the main list. These reserve measures have been prioritised on a needs rather than area basis, and will be selected in the order given provided that their inclusion does not result in a total expenditure which exceeds the available budget.
- 2.7 The purpose of this report is for committee to agree the works programme. This report does not give Infrastructure Services the authority to incur expenditure on goods, works and services over £50,000 to £1,000,000. The approval for such expenditure was sought through the approval of the Infrastructure Services Key Activity, Projects and Forward Procurement Work Plan 2018/19 which was approved by Infrastructure Services on 15 March 2018 and to be considered by Marr Area Committee on 27 March 2018.
- 2.8 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

### **3 Scheme of Governance**

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.1.1, 6.1 and 6.2 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as they are being asked to determine a matter that is specific to their Area and they are prioritising Revenue expenditure estimates and commenting on capital projects on matters that are in the Area and impact the Area.

## **4 Implications and Risk**

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the works programme does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.
- 4.3 The costs in the programme of measures identified as to be funded from Revenue for the 2018/2019 financial year are to be funded from the Flood Management allocation of £836,000 contained in the Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 as approved by Aberdeenshire Council on 8 March 2018.
- 4.4 The costs in the programme of measures identified to be funded from Capital will be met from the £5,591,000 allocation for the 2018/2019 financial year from the Harbours, Coast & Flooding line in the Capital Plan approved by Aberdeenshire Council on 8 March 2018.
- 4.5 Stonehaven Flood Protection Scheme costs are to be covered by the capital grant from the Scottish Government (80% funding) and the Harbours, Coast & Flooding line in the Capital Plan (20% funding) covered in 2018/19 and 2019/20, as confirmed by Finance Department and previously reported to Infrastructure Service Committee.
- 4.6 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level – ACORP010 Environmental challenges e.g. extreme weather events, climate change. (This includes localised risks around flooding and air pollution and the need for communities to display resilience). As such, climate change is considered in flood risk and design. The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level – ISSR006 Flood Protection.
- 4.7 The Town Centre First Principle has been considered but not deemed relevant to this Programme of Measures.

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APPENDIX A

**Flood Risk and Coast Protection Works 2018/19**

**MAIN LIST**

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Capital</b>
<b>Banff and Buchan</b>	Macduff – New flood relief road drain at Commercial Street and High Shore outfall, investigation and design	£20,000	
	Inverallochy – Cairnbulg culvert outfall improvement	£10,000	
	Rosehearty – School improve surrounding cut-off ditches	£6,000	
	Pennan – Seawall repairs (in agreement with Community Council)	£6,000	
	Whitehills – Remedial works to flood bund and drainage ditch improvements	£10,000	
	Clashforbie Culvert Replacement contribution to Local Roads U16S Landslip	£60,000	
<b>Buchan</b>	Tillymaud culvert replacement	£25,000	
	Auchngatt – New flood relief drain	£25,000	
	Longside – Remedial Drainage works at Station Road next to Golf Course	£10,000	
<b>Formartine</b>	Ellon Flood Protection Study		£80,000
	Ellon – New drainage area Bruce Crescent, to be investigated and works.	£15,000	
	Potterton – Gourdie Park remedial works to existing culverts and trashscreens	£8,000	
	Rothienorman - Flood investigation /works (including Homefarm Park)	£10,000	
<b>Garioch</b>	Inverurie and Port Elphinstone Flood Protection Study		£80,000
	Insch Flood Protection Study		£80,000
	Kintore – Reinststate Kingsfield Road flood bunds	£35,000	
	Kemnay – Appoint Standby contractor at Kembhill Park for temporary flood protection	£15,000	
	Kirkton of Skene – Carpenter’s Croft improvement to existing protective ditch in field	£8,000	
<b>Marr</b>	Ballater Flood Protection Study		£50,000
<b>K&amp;M</b>	Stonehaven Coastal Flood Protection Study		£180,000
	Stonehaven - Beach shingle management	£7,000	
	Inverbervie - Beach shingle management	£5,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£275,000</b>	<b>£470,000</b>

**MAIN LIST – ALL AREAS**

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Capital</b>
<b>All Areas</b>	Administration & Overheads (share of the Roads Service administration costs, made up of share of the central accommodation costs and miscellaneous administrative costs)	£190,000	
	Team Staff time charges – split throughout projects	£200,000	
	Inspection and assessment of bodies of water required under S18 of the FRM Act – Including Routine Inspections (Flooding and Coastal)	£20,000	
	General Maintenance (Flooding and Coastal) including Clearance and Repair required under S59 of the FRM Act	£80,000	
	Investigations, reports and enquiries (Flooding and Coastal)	£10,000	
	Flood warning & river gauging (including installation for future flood studies assume 4 new)	£15,000	
	Flood emergency planning and response (including new sandbag filled shipping containers for communities)	£40,000	
	Contribution to research and works benefitting Aberdeenshire, including Dee Catchment Management Plan contribution	£6,000	
	Development of Surface Water Management Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboyne</li> <li>• Fraserburgh</li> <li>• Huntly</li> <li>• Inverurie</li> <li>• Peterhead</li> <li>• Portlethen</li> <li>• Stonehaven</li> <li>• Westhill</li> </ul>		£100,000
	<b>TOTAL FOR ALL AREAS</b>	<b>£561,000</b>	<b>£100,000</b>
	<b>Carry over from page 1</b>	<b>£275,000</b>	<b>£470,000</b>
	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>£836,000</b>	<b>£570,000</b>

**RESERVE LIST**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Capital</b>
<b>Banff and Buchan</b>	Fraserburgh - Lackie Head car park flood defence wall	£20,000	
	Fraserburgh – Kessock Burn trash screen replacement and outfall improvements	£20,000	
	Portsoy - Soy Avenue culvert replacement	£120,000	
<b>Buchan</b>	Inverugie Burn, Inverugie near Peterhead - flood protection options investigation	£4,000	
	Buchanhaven coastal wall railings replacement	£15,000	
<b>Formartine</b>	<i>No schemes identified</i>		
<b>Garioch</b>	<i>No schemes identified</i>		
<b>Marr</b>	Aboyne – Investigate small scale works or temporary barriers at Low Road (forming part of a Surface Water Management Plan)	£10,000	
<b>K&amp;M</b>	Johnshaven – Increase Rock Armour at beach	£25,000	
	Luthermuir - Contribution to potential Local Roads drainage remedial works	£7,000	
	Stonehaven – improve inlet steelwork at Arbuthnott drain for maintenance access	£10,000	