

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 20 APRIL 2010**

SUBJECT: REVENUE BUDGET 2010/11 : FLOOD PREVENTION

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1.0 REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 This report asks the Committee to:

- (i) Approve the **Revenue Budget for 2010/11 (Flood Prevention)** and authorise expenditure;
- (ii) Note that the balance is allocated to Coastal Protection; and,
- (iii) Approve the Project Plan for Flood Risk Management (Flood Prevention Revenue Works).

1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section G (20) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the functions of the Council under the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961 as amended by the Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

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3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961 as amended by the Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997 was repealed with enactment of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009.

3.2 Under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, every local authority must, from time to time (or when directed to do so by the Scottish Ministers)—

- (a) assess the relevant bodies of water (other than canals) in its area for the purpose of ascertaining whether the condition of any such body of water gives rise to a risk of flooding of land within or outwith its area, and
- (b) where—
 - (i) a body of water gives rise to such a risk, and
 - (ii) the authority considers that clearance and repair works would substantially reduce that risk,

prepare a schedule of those clearance and repair works.

3.3 Reference is made to the Revenue Budget 2010/11 approved by the Special Meeting of Moray Council on 11 February 2010 (para 4 (ii) of the Minute refers).

4.0 PROGRESS OF FLOOD PREVENTION REVENUE WORKS DURING 2009/10

Annual Maintenance Works

4.1 A programme of annual maintenance works is carried out at various locations throughout Moray. In addition, an allowance is made for reactive works. The programme of annual maintenance works will grow as more flood prevention schemes are completed and other problem sites are identified and included.

Outcome of Programmed Work for 2009/10

4.2 **Aberlour** – Hatton Road, bank stability/soil anchors

Work complete and paid.

4.3 **Buckie** – Rathven Burn – sheet piles

Works not carried out.

4.4 **Cummingston** – Sump clearance and pipe investigation CCTV & Jetting

Work not carried out and would be carried over to 2010/11.

4.5 **Elgin** – Exeeco Cabin replacement

Work not carried out and would be carried over to 2010/11.

4.6 **Forres** – Pilmuir CCTV Survey & remove obstructions in piped watercourse

Work complete and paid.

4.7 **Forres** – Minor Works to complement Burn of Mosset Flood Prevention Scheme

Works completed and paid.

4.8 **Garmouth** – Erosion control downstream of new bridge

Works completed and paid.

4.9 **Lhanbryde FAS** – repair rust on handrail

Works completed and paid.

4.10 **Lhanbryde FAS** – reservoir Act statutory Section 10 Inspection

Work carried out. Awaiting report from Reservoir Engineer.

4.11 **Longmorn** – BT cable diversion

Works for BT were cancelled.

4.12 **Reserve List**

There is a reserve list of ad-hoc maintenance works carried that will be carried out based on priority. Additional schemes are added to this list when a problem is identified.

5.0 The Proposals

5.1 It is proposed that the Flood Risk Management (Flood Prevention Revenue Works) be carried out as described in the Project Plan in the **Appendix**.

5.2 Priority has been given to the works based on engineering judgement and need.

5.3 Members are asked to note that it may be necessary to make changes to the proposed programme during the course of the financial year. Any proposed changes to the programme will be reported to the Committee in a Quarterly Progress Report, with an explanation for why the change is necessary and a recommendation for a change to the programme.

6.0 SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

- (i) Promoting flood alleviation schemes is Local Priority 7 in the Single Outcome Agreement. This is relevant to National Outcome 12 – “We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations”.
- (ii) The Corporate Development Plan 2004 – 2007 states that providing effective flood alleviation schemes is a priority, and the Community Plan reiterates this. The Departmental Service Improvement Plan sets out targets for the schemes.

(b) Policy and Legal

The proposals form part of the Council's statutory duty in regard to Best Value, value for money and probity..

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

Financial

The total funding available in the **Revenue Coastal Protection and Flood Prevention budget for 2010/11** is **£302,000**. The proposed expenditure for coastal protection is restricted to **£43,000** thereby directing **£259,000** towards flood prevention maintenance works.

The details of proposals for coastal protection maintenance works are contained in a separate report to this Committee.

Risks

There are no specific risks arising from this report. Risk allowances in the budget proposed have been based on the information available for developing a solution. This is generally of the order of around 60% where no design development has commenced to around 25% where work is ready to start.

Staffing

All inspection, design and supervision work will be carried out by existing staff or by external consultants. In either case separate allowance of cost has been made for the purpose.

Property

There are no specific property implications arising from this monitoring report.

(d) Consultations

Lorraine Paisey, Principal Accountant, has been consulted and is in agreement with the financial implications arising within this report.

7.0 CONCLUSION

7.1 Progress of flood prevention revenue works during 2009/10 was generally satisfactory. Some of the work originally programmed was not carried out within the 2009/10 programme owing to unforeseen difficulties and the works affected would generally be carried over into the 2010/11 programme.

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