

Urgent Cabinet Report/Delegated Decision Form

Report/Decision Title	Loftus Property Flood Resilience Scheme – Watertight International, Flood Control (NI) Limited
Date of request	13/05/2024
Date of meeting/decision	


Urgent – General Exception - Reasons for urgency outlined below

The Council successfully gained £375k in external funding as part of the Environment Agencies Medium Term Plan. We have utilised Levy funding available from this funding stream for the delivery of property level resilience project affected by the recent flooding in Loftus. This funding will allow for resilience measure to be implemented to 22 properties in Loftus adjacent to Loftus beck that are affected by internal flooding. These measures will help provide further resilience from flooding should the beck breach its walls. To deliver the required outcome of this project the funding will secure individual property surveys and procure protection measure by the means of flood doors and other ancillary measure to each of the 22 properties identified at risk.

The project was originally estimated to come under the £250k threshold and was not necessary to be included into the forward plan. The revised and up to date estimate was only established last week for the works is now £282500 and exceeds this threshold. We are currently awaiting confirmation of entering into contract with the company on the EA framework and therefore requiring signature of contracts urgently to allow the second phase of measures to be implemented for this project. and are therefore requesting the use of Special urgency in this case to prevent the works schedule from being delayed.

This would adversely affect residents as this would put their properties at risk from flooding for longer than is necessary.

I confirm that the relevant chair of Scrutiny and Improvement Committee (or if there is not chair, the whole committee individually) and the Cabinet Member have been informed by notice in writing of the decision to be taken.

Officer name (Delegated Power Author)	Nigel Hill	Officer Signature		Date	13/5/2024
Assistant Director Name	Rob Hoof	Assistant Director signature		Date	13/5/2024

This urgent report/decision has been seen and agreed by the following:

Officer / Member	Signature
Managing Director	
Section 151 Officer	
Monitoring Officer	

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

Reference	To be completed by Business Support
Corporate Plan Priority	A Strong and Sustainable Council
Delegation Title	Loftus Property Flood Resilience Scheme – Watertight International, Flood Control (NI) Limited
Delegated Power Number	450 – Award a Contract
Date of Exercise	08/05/2024
Cabinet Member	Cllr Carl Quartermain
Assistant Director	Robert Hoof

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)	Key - Executive
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	Click or tap to enter a date. To be completed by Democratic Services
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Special Urgency - Forms Attached

Background to decision:



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Decision Considerations:

Contract Procedure Rules

Environmental Agency Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Framework

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<p>Full details of decision:</p> <p>Approval is requested to direct award a contract via Lot 2 Environmental Agency Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Framework to Watertight International Ltd, to carry out flood survey works at 22 properties in Loftus, adjacent to Loftus Beck. The contract is scheduled to commence on Monday 27th May 2024 and is for a period of 12 months.</p>		
<p>Financial detail:</p> <p>The total contract costs for undertaking the works is £282,500. External funding has been secured for this works from the Environmental Agency.</p> <p>10249 / R44000 - Flood And Water Management Services – Professional Fees</p>		
<p>Delivering Social Value:</p> <p>The improvement works will help alleviate residential properties flooding and reduce risk of future flooding issues.</p>		
<p>Reasons for Decision:</p> <p>The procurement of these protection measures will facilitate the continued delivery of the EA Medium Term Plan and increase protection to the public from flooding to properties.</p>		
<p>Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:</p> <p>We are utilising the EA PFR framework and the provider for the works has been through a tender process to provide a best value service for these works on this framework. The Framework provides the Council with a Compliant Route to Market.</p>		
<p>Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:</p> <p>This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.</p>		
<p>Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:</p> <p>This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.</p>		
<p>Background Papers:</p> <p>GEE-23-333 – DP for receiving funding. Special Urgency Form attached.</p>		
Officer Name (Print)	Nigel Hill	
Officer Signature		
Submission date	8/5/2024	
Procurement Approval		This request complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules

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Reference	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference	
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Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT	Date Click here to enter a date.
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date Click here to enter a date.
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date Click here to enter a date.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR GROWTH ENTERPRISE AND ENVIRONMENT	Date Click here to enter a date.

Call-In (Key Decisions Only)

Call-In to be dis-applied due to urgency, reasons as follows:

Reasons for dis-applying Call-In due to urgency to be added here if relevant. This will need to be reported to the next meeting of the Borough Council and the reasons must demonstrate that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

Date Decision will become effective	13/05/2024 To be completed by Democratic Services – date will be not less than expiry of 5 working days from publication unless urgency applies.
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