

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	19 November 2020
Title:	Project Appraisal: Rectory and Sycamore Roads Farnborough Flood Alleviation Scheme
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the Project Appraisal for Rectory and Sycamore Flood Alleviation Scheme, subject to securing external funding contributions, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment gives approval to enter into a funding agreement with DEFRA for Flood Defence Grant in Aid funding and Thames Regional Flood and Coast Committee for Local Levy funding.
- 1.3 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements to Rectory and Sycamore Flood Alleviation Scheme, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £475,000 to be funded from Hampshire County Council's Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Programme, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) Flood Defence Grant in Aid funding (FDGiA) and Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) local levy.
- 1.4 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The scheme, when in place, will offer the residents and road users of Rectory Road and Sycamore Road more protection from flooding, improve access to amenities, and reduce the cost, distress and disruption associated with recovery from flooding. This is strongly aligned with the corporate

strategy's aims to help people in Hampshire live safe, healthy, and independent lives, and to allow people to enjoy the environment.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 A Do-Nothing option would mean no measures are put in place to reduce the risk of flooding and no further maintenance is undertaken. This will leave both Rectory Road and Sycamore Road at continued risk of surface water flooding to properties, roads, footpaths and amenities.
- 3.2 A Do-Minimum option consists of ongoing maintenance but with no flood alleviation measures to reduce the risk of flooding. This option offers no improvement on existing arrangements for the local community and would not align with the County Council's Strategic Plan (2017-2021) to work with communities to identify local solutions that work best.
- 3.3 Property level resistance and resilience will offer some level of protection to individual houses on Rectory Road, but this will not alter the vulnerability of the area to flooding. As flooding is due to surface water flooding, and there are no flood warnings in the area, permanent measures are preferred to temporary measures.
- 3.4 The preferred option will re-establish historic flow pathways to guide residual flooding away from properties and highways towards the River Blackwater. It comprises improvements to the existing drainage to reconnect the historic drainage system, reinstatement of an historic water course, use of minor bunding to re-establish historic flow pathways, and construction of new surface water drainage to improve connectivity.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

19 November 2020

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Rob Humby**