

Record of an individual Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Councillor Eric Batts
Key decision?	Yes
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	24 May 2017
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Andrew Down Head of HR, IT & Technical Services
Officer contact details	Tel: 01235 422300 Email: andrew.down@southandvale.gov.uk
Decision	To enter into a partnership funding agreement with the Environment Agency for the construction of a flood alleviation scheme at St Helen's Mill, Abingdon.
Reasons for decision	<p>The council previously (decision 4 February 2016) entered into a collaboration agreement with the Environment Agency (EA). Under this agreement the council contributed £260,000 towards feasibility studies into four potential flood alleviation schemes in the Abingdon area.</p> <p>The EA has completed three feasibility studies (work on the Ock scheme is still in progress) and the collaboration agreement ended on 31 March 2017.</p> <p>Of the four schemes, two were found not to be viable (River Stert and Swift Ditch), offering insufficient benefit in return for the investment. Modelling and options appraisal are still in progress for the River Ock catchment scheme.</p> <p>This decision relates specifically to a viable scheme at St Helen's Mill. The scheme is a minor construction project consisting of a low wall along the bank of the River Ock, reducing flood risk to ground floor properties and to the access road to the car park at St Helen's Mill.</p> <p>The council's provider of engineering services, Monson, has been represented at a number of site meetings while the scheme has been in the design phase.</p> <p>Subject to completion of this agreement, construction work is</p>

	scheduled for June 2017.																																								
Alternative options rejected	The council has already committed to this scheme and allocated funding in the capital programme.																																								
Legal implications	<p>The EA is responsible for all aspects of the construction including procuring and managing a contractor, and securing all necessary consents.</p> <p>The council is providing a financial contribution and is represented within the project governance framework. The partnership funding agreement requires the EA to spend the money on this scheme and includes obligations to ensure delivery of the scheme.</p>																																								
Financial implications	<p>The council will make a financial contribution of £108,276, made up of £85,276 towards construction and a commuted sum of £23,000 for future maintenance by the EA.</p> <p>This contribution will come from the existing Abingdon flood relief capital programme (YA37).</p>																																								
Other implications	None																																								
Background papers considered	None																																								
Declarations/conflict of interest?	None																																								
Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?																																									
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Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No																																								

Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee's chairman?	Call-in waived by Cllr Debby Hallett (email 22 May 2017).
Cabinet member's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature Eric Batts _____ Date 24.05.17 _____

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