

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE held in the DRUMMOND ROOM, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING on MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2019 at 2.45 pm

Present

Councillor Jim THOMSON (Convener)

Councillor Martin EARL

Councillor Danny GIBSON

Councillor Graham LAMBIE

Councillor Alasdair MACPHERSON

Councillor Alastair MAJURY

Councillor Jeremy MCDONALD (Substitute)

Councillor Evelyn TWEED

In Attendance

David Crichton, Roads & Land Operations

Mark Henderson, Senior Media Officer

Maria Lucey, Team Leader, Bridges, Flooding and Drainage

Bruce Reekie, Senior Manager – Environment & Place

Brian Roberts, Senior Manager – Infrastructure

Michelle MacDonald, Governance Officer (Clerk)

Louise McDonald, Committee Officer (Minutes)

EH181 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Alasdair Tollemache and Councillor Ross Oxburgh. Councillor Jeremy McDonald was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Oxburgh.

EH182 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EH183 ABERFOYLE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME: SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING SUBMISSION

The purpose of the report was to provide Elected Members with an update on the emerging flood alleviation scheme, including an updated cost estimate for the scheme. The report also sought approval for submission of scheme funding prioritisation application to the Scottish Government.

The Current scheme cost estimate for the Aberfoyle Flood Alleviation Scheme was £16M. Based on the current Scottish Government funding arrangements of 80%, the council would be required to contribute the remaining total costs (20%), estimated at £3.2M.

Whilst a high degree of investigation and preparatory work had already been undertaken to minimise risk, there was still potential for cost estimates to change as a fully detailed design was realised. Any increase in cost estimate after tender acceptance would have to be funded by Stirling Council.

Based on other flood alleviation schemes it was estimated that the Councils contribution could be in the region of £4M. If the Aberfoyle Flood Alleviation Scheme

was selected for prioritisation in August 2020 a further report would be brought before Council to seek approval for the Council's contribution.

It was noted that 32 properties would be protected with the implementation of the scheme. Officers highlighted that the scheme would protect more communities and for a longer period of time. It was felt that the scheme was the best package for the community but the service would, where possible try to meet individual requirements.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. note the current scheme progress and;
2. approve the submission of scheme funding prioritisation application to the Scottish Government.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager of Environment & Place, dated 4 December 2019, submitted)

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 3.15pm