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S U M M O N S

MEETING: Community & Environment Board
DATE: 10 January 2023
TIME: 6.00 pm
PLACE: Council Chamber
Democratic Services contact: Linda Coote

DAVID WILLIAMS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Mayor (Councillor Hutchison (ex-Officio) and Councillor Chegwyn (ex-Officio))
Councillor Westerby (Chairman)
Councillor Miss Kelly (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mrs Huggins
Councillor Mrs Cully
Councillor Johnston

Councillor Maynard
Councillor Mrs Morgan

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AGENDA

RECOMMENDED
MINUTE FORMAT

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER AND 16 NOVEMBER 2022 (Pages 5 - 12)
4. DEPUTATIONS- STANDING ORDER 3.4

(NOTE: The Board is required to receive a deputation(s) on a matter which is before the meeting of the Board provided that notice of the intended deputation and its object shall have been received by the Borough Solicitor by 6 January 2023. The total time for deputations in favour and against a proposal shall not exceed 10 minutes)

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS- STANDING ORDER 3.5

(NOTE: The Board is required to allow a total of 15 minutes for questions from Members of the public on matters within the terms of reference of the Board provided that notice of such Question(s) shall have been submitted to the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on 6 January 2023)

6. PRESENTATION ON THE AIMS OF THE SOLENT CLUSTER BY CLLR MAYNARD
7. CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD DEFENCE STRUCTURES AT ALVERSTOKE (Pages 13 - 16)

This report updates Members on the Alverstoke coastal defence scheme since the update in September 2022 and sets out the next stages for the project.

8. CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD DEFENCE STRUCTURES AT FORTON (Pages 17 - 20)

This report updates Members on progress with the Forton coastal defence scheme since the update in September 2022 and sets out the next stages for project delivery.

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS

Community & Environment Board
10 January 2023

A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT BOARD WAS HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

Councillors Mrs Huggins, Westerby, Mrs Cully, Johnston, Miss Kelly, Mrs Morgan and Chegwyn (Substituting for Maynard)

9. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Maynard who was substituted by Councillor Chegwyn.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Huggins declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 as she is Chairman of a Multi Academy sited within St. Vincents.

11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 29 JUNE 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2022 be signed as a true and correct record.

12. DEPUTATIONS- STANDING ORDER 3.4

There were none

13. PUBLIC QUESTIONS- STANDING ORDER 3.5

There were none.

14. CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD DEFENCE STRUCTURES AT ALVERSTOKE

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Streetscene regarding the Construction of Flood Defence Structures at Alverstoke.

Members were advised that Officers hoped to be able to report back with a forward plan in three months time.

Officers explained that although site investigations had taken place, they used sample spots to inform the design and the full length of the cables was not exposed. Once on the ground the full extent of the size and age of the cables created unforeseen technical challenges. Officers are still working with SSE.

A Member stressed that all Councils were experiencing similar problems with project funding as construction costs have soared recently. Pressure must be maintained on the Environment Agency to fund this important scheme as the longer it goes on the risks will increase and the higher the costs will be.

A Member sought reassurance from Officers that lines of communication with residents will be kept open.

RESOLVED: That the Board noted that:

- A number of risks have been realised on the scheme, including high voltage underground cables and the effects of inflation, which have put the project budget under significant pressure.
- To mitigate financial risk, construction works have been paused and the site is being reinstated to pre-works condition and will be opened to the public.
- The future delivery of the scheme is being determined to ensure sufficient budget is available.
- Public communications have been completed, via a letter drop, site notices and website updates, explaining that due to realised risks, construction work on the defence has stopped.

15. CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD DEFENCE STRUCTURES AT FORTON

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Streetscene regarding the Construction of Flood Defence Structures at Forton.

Members were advised that there had been no update yet from the badger consultant, and that the position of the sett was unusually underneath a derelict building.

The Leader advised that the Councils element of funding was still in the Capital Programme.

RESOLVED: That the Board noted:

- A number of risks have been realised on the scheme, including a badger sett and the effects of inflation, which have put the project budget under significant pressure.
- To mitigate financial risk, construction works have been paused and the site is being reinstated to pre-works condition and will be opened to the public.
- The future delivery of the scheme is being determined, supported by assessments to ensure sufficient budget is available.
- Public communications have been completed, via a letter drop and website updates, explaining that due to realised risks, construction work on the defence has stopped.

16. CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report by the Climate Change Officer setting out the progress that has been achieved against the Climate Change Action Plan.

The Climate Change Officer wished to update the Board on Action 10.6 with regard to the creation of wildflower meadows. Sowing took place in spring 2022 and the ground is being prepared for spring 2023, so the status will be changed to reflect this. He also advised the Board that the meeting referred to in item 11.1 was set for next week.

Members asked if the maps of wildflowering areas could be re-circulated to Board members.

The Leader advised that no decision had been taken yet regarding the solar panels for the Leisure Centre. Funds had been kept in the Capital Programme, but until full costs had been obtained, the project would not proceed.

Members were pleased to see that point 5.5 would balance emission reduction and cost savings.

Officers were asked to consider keeping point 9.3 regarding advice on heatwaves as an ongoing action.

A Member advised that the wildflowering had been well received and hoped there would be advice and encouragement for sustainable planting rather than bedding type plants which require frequent watering. It was also hoped that those trees planted under item 9.6 had been kept watered.

RESOLVED: That the Board noted the progress update.

17. WASTE & RECYCLING POLICY

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Streetscene seeking approval for an updated Waste and Recycling Collection Policy.

Members were advised that if a property had more bins than allocated, an operative would speak to the occupier to discuss the situation. If the bins had no sticker on them to identify that Streetscene were aware of them, then they would not be emptied.

Officers reassured Members that broken lids would be repaired. At the moment there was call for 2/3 bins a month given free of charge.

The Leader advised that this was a small update to the existing policy to ensure that Members wishing to obtain a bin free of charge for their resident would be able to on request. It was hoped that this would assist people to dispose of their rubbish properly and not in public bins which then need emptying by operatives.

The Chairman wished to point out that 2.2 of the report should read WILL get a bin not MAY, and that point 1.3 of the policy should be changed to reflect that only the Community & Environment Board Chairman will give approval for the free bins.

A Member hoped that this update would complement the Community Skips initiative, and Officers agreed to bring a report to board to show the utilisation across the Borough, and identifying areas of deprivation and where the costs have been incurred.

RESOLVED:

That the Board approved the Waste and Recycling Policy as set out in Appendix A

18. LITTER BIN POLICY

Community & Environment Board
21 September 2022

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Streetscene seeking approval for the Litter Bin Policy.

The Head of Streetscene advised the Board that there had always been a policy, but it had not been through a Board for final decision.

Members were advised that the update to this policy would hopefully identify areas that required additional waste bins and support the cleaner and greener aspirations of the Council.

Members were asked to bear in mind additional costs for emptying the bins as well as the purchase costs when requesting new bins from the Community & Environment Board Chairman.

The Board asked the Head of Streetscene to pass on their grateful thanks to those who empty and clean up around the bins.

RESOLVED: That the Board approve the Litter Bin Policy as set out in Appendix A.

19. ANY OTHER ITEMS

The Leader of the Council informed the Board that as a result of requests for Gosport to have a memorial to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, he would be undertaking a cross party consultation to identify a suitable site for a Peoples Garden/Memorial where the public could plant a tree and place a memorial plaque. This would also support the Councils tree planting agenda. The funds would be allocated and it was hoped to complete the work as soon as possible.

At the request of a member, the Head of Streetscene will look into the RAF Queens Green Canopy project and will circulate details to the Board.

A Member wished the idea of hedgerows as well as trees to be considered as they provide benefits to wildlife.

The suggestion of a maze was made by a Member.

CHAIRMAN

Concluded at 6.34 pm

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2022**

Councillors Mrs Huggins, Westerby, Mrs Cully, Johnston, Miss Kelly, Maynard and Mrs Morgan

20. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

There were none

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

22. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

Following a question from Councillor Huggins on item 17, the minutes were not signed, and revised minutes will be available at the next Board meeting.

23. DEPUTATIONS- STANDING ORDER 3.4

There were none

24. PUBLIC QUESTIONS- STANDING ORDER 3.5

A question was asked by Mr. Paul Dowell as follows:

The Food Safety Service Recovery Plan endorsed at the Jun '22 Community and Environment Board reported 244 outstanding Food hygiene inspections (227 in categories A-D and 17 new premises) to be completed by the end of the financial year. The Environmental Health Team were confident the Recovery Plan, requiring about 30 inspections per month, was deliverable and they would provide a further report to the Board "after the end of the current financial year to report on actual progress against the attached recovery plan."

The Food Hygiene rating data for Gosport (Extract date 5-Nov-2022 on the FSA website accessed 13 Nov '22) identifies 87 venues having been inspected on or after 29 Jun '22. This equates to an achieved inspection rate of 20.5 per month which is slightly lower than the 22.5 per month achieved in FYs 18/19 and 19/20 and well below the reported 30 per month needed to deliver the FSS Recovery Plan. At the current rate a further 99 inspections will be completed by 31 Mar '23, a shortfall of 58 (23.8%) against the original 244 inspections. With no planned update to the Board before the end of the financial year there appears to be no opportunity to provide assurance that the Recovery Plan is still deliverable.

How many food hygiene inspections remain to be completed by 31 Mar '23 and, noting previous performance since June '22, how is it intended to ensure the Food Safety Service Recovery Plan, as presented to the June 22 Community and Environment Board, will be delivered?

Was answered as follows:

So far the Council has met all of the Food Standards Agency recovery milestones. All of the premises which carry out higher risk food preparation activities have been inspected. There are 149 lower risk premises requiring inspection by 31st March 2023. This remains a challenging target , however it is still hoped that it will be achieved, as stated earlier in the year any shortfall can be prioritised for inspection early in the next financial year if necessary. The Food Standards Agency are monitoring this work closely and are satisfied with our progress to date.

25. NATURALISED FLOWER ZONES UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Streetscene seeking approval to complete the naturalised flower zones proposed in the report.

Following a Members questions, officers advised that they would be looking at weather patterns and long term forecasts as well as the particular seed mix being used to ensure sowing at optimum times.

Members were advised that the perennials used in the seed mixes were fairly robust and deep rooted and should be able to recover if walked on.

Members agreed that the rewilding had been well received by the public, who had become more invested in nature and conservation since the lockdown. Officers agreed to consider patterns within the mowing and sowing in larger areas to add interest.

Officers agreed to consider suggestions from Members for other areas to be considered, and would check ownership of the land and whether or not there were already bulbs planted there. They also advised that the replacement trees in Grange Road would be better protected.

Following a Members question, officers advised that they would only be mowing a 2 meter strip along the cycle routes, which would give the appearance of a managed area and allow the rest of the verge to provide natural vegetation for insects and wildlife.

Members wished to congratulate the officers on an excellent report. They found the analysis of seed and soil very thorough, and thought the detail would be valuable if the schemes are to be sustainable. A member hoped that there would be a communication plan developed in order to keep residents informed and explain what they might be seeing.

Officers assured Members that they work closely with the various Friends groups of public gardens and parks, and would continue to connect with them in order to gain their support for the scheme.

In answer to a Members question, the Head of Streetscene explained that when it came to the budget, the cost of set up and sowing may be the same as mowing, but there would be a time saving element as resources could be redeployed to other tasks and projects. He advised that they had taken away lessons from the recent In Bloom Awards and there were actions to be undertaken that would focus energy on sustainability and may result in more awards.

Community & Environment Board
16 November 2022

RESOLVED:

That the Board noted the establishment of the initial 9,000^{m2} of naturalized flower zones and approved the continued changes to maintenance from managed amenity grass to naturalized flower zones at the locations in the attached appendices.

26. ANY OTHER ITEMS

CHAIRMAN

Concluded at 6.25 pm

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Board/Committee:	COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD
Date of meeting:	10 TH JANUARY 2023
Title:	CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD DEFENCE STRUCTURES AT ALVERSTOKE
Author:	HEAD OF STREETSCENE
Status:	FOR NOTING

Purpose

This report updates Members on the Alverstoke coastal defence scheme since the update in September 2022 and sets out the next stages for the project.

Recommendation

That the Board notes that:

- **The project remains paused until there is a significant change in the funding prospects.**
- **Ongoing funding applications and work to manage scheme risk around buried services will be concluded.**
- **A decision may be required in 2023/24 whether to continue to pursue the construction phase of the approved scheme.**

1.0 Background

1.1 The proposed scheme at Alverstoke will reduce flood risk to 130 properties in Alverstoke over the next 50 years. The scheme will provide flood defence to a 1 in 100-year event (1% Annual Exceedance Probability) up to 2069 through provision of a flood wall and road flood gate.

1.2 The preferred works contractor was approved by the Community Board 10 February 2021. Construction of the scheme started in January 2022, with an estimated six-months duration.

1.3 During construction several risks were realised, including high voltage cables which significantly impacted the safety of the construction, delayed the programme and increased costs. The site work also coincided with unprecedented challenges from cost inflation and supply of construction materials. A decision was made in April 2022 to pause construction works and to reinstate the site to ensure the mandated budget was not exceeded.

1.4 A status update was given to the Community and Environment Board on 14 September 2022. This report provides a further progress update to the Board.

2.0 Report

2.1 Progress Update:

Over the past four months the following actions have been completed:

- The site has been reinstated to pre-works condition with full public access.

- The current works contract has been closed out. Any future construction will require a new works tender process.
- The project budget has been reassessed, covering outstanding contractor payments and project overheads. Further details are contained in Section 2.3.
- Funding sources have been explored; however no further funding has yet been secured.
- There has been further engagement with Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) over their buried apparatus.
- An Exception Plan has been developed and is presented in Section 2.4.

2.2 Stakeholder communications:

- A brief update has been issued on the project webpage and responses provided to enquiries from the public.
- Stakeholders have been updated and future stakeholder communications will be developed and delivered through the Exception Plan.
- Information on the ongoing programme pause will be provided to the local community and public.

2.3 Funding:

The scheme is primarily funded from Environment Agency Grant Aid totalling £932,238. Since 2018, £903,847 has been spent to complete the detailed design, licenses and consents, procurement and site works, with £28,390 of grant aid remaining.

By aborting construction work, the project has avoided exceeding its approved funding limit. This has protected the following funds which have been ring-fenced, including a Grant Aid contingency fund of up to £181,000 and £212,269 of underwriting by Gosport Borough Council.

The available funding remains insufficient to meet the expected outturn costs of the construction which have risen through inflation. Furthermore, there are insufficient funds to progress any new investigations to de-risk the project and close the funding gap. The remaining funds are however sufficient to enable ongoing discussions with potential funders and the risks around the high voltage cable to be concluded.

2.4 Way Forward:

An Exception Plan has been developed by the project team which comprises a high-level forward plan for the scheme delivery using an adapted existing design, the existing procurement documents and consents already secured. However, there are insufficient remaining funds to enable the plan to be put into action.

Therefore, the project remains on pause, with the exception of ongoing discussions related to the funding gap and the high voltage cable.

3.0 Risk Assessment

Finance

- The costs of the recommended actions in Section 2.4 will be met from the remaining project budget of circa £28,000 and as the upper limit of spend. The spend will be monitored using the project finance tools.
- The remaining project budget may not be enough to obtain a comprehensive outturn cost estimate.
- The risk pots (Environment Agency, GBC) are to remain ring-fenced.

Programme

- There are significant remaining project risks from underground utilities and design optimisation around these and other physical constraints. The costs of work to reduce or fully mitigate these risks would exceed the current remaining budget. Therefore, the programme remains uncertain.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1** The Alverstoke scheme was paused, and site reinstated due to the realisation of project risk. This has avoided the project exceeding its approved budget. Discussions are ongoing with respect to the project funding gap and underground utilities.

An exception plan has been developed to hopefully allow the project to return to site, however there is insufficient budget remaining to implement this.

Our recommendations are that the remaining funds are used to conclude ongoing design and funding discussions. The project should then remain paused until there is a significant change in the funding prospects.

Financial Services comments:	As contained within the report.
Legal Services comments:	Legal Services comments received and incorporated into this report.
Equality and Diversity:	None for the purposes of this report.
Climate Change implications:	None for the purposes of this report.
Crime and Disorder:	None for the purposes of this report.
Service Improvement Plan implications:	To improve coastal defences.
Corporate Plan:	Develop the economy by encouraging investment, protecting and improving infrastructure and land use by developing a programme of coastal defences.
Risk Assessment:	Contained within paragraph 3 of the report.
Background Papers:	<p>Community Board 10th February 2021 – Award of contract to the preferred bidder.</p> <p>Policy & Organisational Board 20th July 2021 - Support of the risk underwriting by the Council for costs in excess of the current approved funding.</p> <p>Community and Environment Board, 14 September 2022 – status update: Risks and inflation have put project budget under pressure. Works paused, site</p>

	reinstated and future delivery of scheme to be assessed.
Appendices:	None.
Report Author/Lead Officer:	Steve Fitzmaurice/Stevyn Ricketts

Board/Committee:	COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD
Date of meeting:	10 TH JANUARY 2023
Title:	CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD DEFENCE STRUCTURES AT FORTON
Author:	HEAD OF STREETSCENE
Status:	FOR NOTING

Purpose

This report updates Members on progress with the Forton coastal defence scheme since the update in September 2022 and sets out the next stages for project delivery.

Recommendation

That the Board notes that:

- **There remains insufficient funding to construct the scheme, and the location of a badger sett remains a significant risk to the project.**
- **The available project funds will be utilised to progress applications to close the funding gap, while working to confirm the updated scheme costs and relocate the badger sett away from the works area.**

1.0 Background

- 1.1** The proposed scheme will reduce flood risk to 211 properties in Forton over the next 50 years, to a 1 in 100-year event (1% Annual Exceedance Probability) up to 2069.
- 1.2** The preferred contractor was approved by the Community Board on the 10th February 2021. Construction of the 240m long flood wall started in April 2022, with an estimated four-month duration.
- 1.3** During construction several risks were realised, including a live badger sett in the works area preventing works progress. The site work also coincided with unprecedented challenges from cost inflation and supply of construction materials. A decision was made to pause construction works at the end of April 2022 and to reinstate the site to ensure the mandated budget was not exceeded.
- 1.4** A status update was given to the Community and Environment Board on 14 September 2022, where the next steps were set out. This report provides a further progress update to the Board.

2.0 Report

2.1 Progress Update:

Over the past four months the following actions have been completed:

- The site has been reinstated to pre-works condition with full access returned to St Vincent College.
- The works contract has been closed out. Any future construction will require a new works tender process.
- The project budget has been reassessed, covering outstanding contractor payments and project costs. Further details are contained in Section 2.3.
- Funding sources have been explored; however no further funding has yet been fully secured.
- An Exception Plan has been developed to take the scheme forward and is presented in Section 2.4.

2.2 Stakeholder Communications:

- A brief update has been issued on the project webpage and responses provided to enquiries from the public.
- Future stakeholder communications will be developed and delivered through the Exception Plan.
- The Environment Agency and St Vincent College continue to be kept updated.
- Information on the proposed programme will be provided to the local community and public.

2.3 Funding:

The scheme is primarily funded from Environment Agency Grant Aid and Local Levy Funds (totalling £660,145). Since 2018, £600,599 has been spent to complete the detailed design, licenses and consents, procurement and site works, with £59,545 remaining.

By aborting construction work, the project has avoided exceeding its approved funding limit. This has protected the following funds which remain available and have been ring-fenced: a Grant Aid contingency fund of up to £197,000 and a £288,516 contribution of Other Government Departments Funding (OGD).

The available funding remains insufficient to meet the expected outturn costs of the construction which have risen through inflation. The funding gap will be fully quantified over the next 3 months.

A series of actions are in hand to close the funding gap, including discussions with the Environment Agency and a funding application is being assessed by the Department for Education. Further funding applications are planned covering inflation uplifts, local levy, and Other Government Departments (OGD).

2.4 Way Forward:

An Exception Plan has been developed by the project team which comprises a high-level forward plan for the next actions. There are insufficient remaining funds to enable the complete plan to be into action. Therefore, a phased approach will be adopted, contained within the remaining project budget of circa

£59,545 (see Section 2.3)

Under this, the following actions are recommended:

- Update the forecast out-turn cost for the project to confirm the funding gap, allowing for any inflationary costs and risks.
- Continue to identify potential funding sources and submit applications for additional funding to close the funding gap.
- Use the remaining project funds to mitigate the presence of badgers within the works area through relocation of the badger sett in 2023.
- Update the key stakeholders and the community over the future programme.
- Report back to Board once actions are completed, with further recommendations over next actions.

In the second phase, with funding gap closed and badgers relocated, the scheme could be implemented using the current design, updated procurement documents, licenses and consents.

3.0 Risk Assessment

3.1 Finance

- The costs of progressing the recommended actions in Section 2.4 will be met from the remaining project budget and as the upper limit of spend. The spend will be monitored using the project finance tools.
- The OGD and risk pots (Environment Agency, Local Levy, GBC) are to remain ring-fenced.
- The pressure of cost of inflation continues while the scheme is paused, and updated scheme costs will need to make appropriate allowances in line with new Environment Agency Guidance.

Programme

3.2

- Badger sett mitigation must start around January 2023, due to environmental constraints, the need for planning permission and approvals with St Vincent College. If the badgers have not moved by November 2023, then this risk is transferred to the next available window (August 2024). This will incur additional costs.
- If badger sett mitigation works are completed but we are unable to close the funding gap, then the badger works may be abortive.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1

The Forton scheme was paused, and site reinstated due to the realisation of project risk. This has avoided the project exceeding its approved budget. Since September 2022, progress has been made to secure additional funding and mitigate the risk from a badger sett. A phased exception plan has been developed to hopefully allow the project to return to site in 2024.

4.2

To ensure the project is financially viable, the outturn cost now needs to be confirmed and any additional funding secured, such that the funding gap is closed. Additionally, it is beneficial to commence actions to move the badger sett in early 2023 to mitigate future risk.

4.3 The remaining funds are to be used to progress these elements.

Financial Services comments:	As contained within the report.
Legal Services comments:	Legal Services comments received and incorporated into this report.
Equality and Diversity:	None for the purposes of this report.
Climate Change implications:	None for the purposes of this report.
Crime and Disorder:	None for the purposes of this report.
Service Improvement Plan implications:	To improve coastal defences.
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Appendices:	None
Report Author/Lead Officer:	Steve Fitzmaurice/Stevyn Ricketts