

COMMITTEE THAT DELEGATED THE DECISION TAKEN	
7. WITH REFERENCE TO 6. ABOVE - HAS ANY DISPENSATION BEEN GRANTED TO THE EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER? (ONLY APPLIES TO EXECUTIVE)	

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(The definitions of a key decision are when an executive decision is likely -

(i) to result in the Council incurring expenditure or the making of savings (including the receipt or loss of income) over £350,000 in any one financial year; or

(ii) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority).

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

ACCOUNTANCY SHARED SERVICE MANAGER

PROPERTY FLOOD RESILIENCE RECOVERY SUPPORT SCHEME

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 North Lincolnshire has recently experienced some flooding events in November 2019. As part of the recovery effort, the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is making funding available to residents via the Property Flood Resilience Recovery Support Scheme (PFRRSS).
- 1.2 North Lincolnshire Council has the option of signing up to the scheme which would involve managing and administering grants of £5,000 to residents whose properties have been flooded internally.
- 1.3 The purpose of the grant is for residents to implement measures to reduce the risk of further flooding or to reduce the scale of damage, should flooding recur.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 North Lincolnshire experienced some flooding events between 8-18 November 2019.
 - 26 residential properties and 1 business flooded internally
 - 7 more properties did not flood internally but were left without shower and toilet facilities due to external flooding
 - 1 property was deemed unliveable with the occupier being unable to return home
- 2.2 Where properties were flooded internally, residents were eligible to receive government grants to the value of £500 for residents (from the Community Recovery Grant) and £2,500 for businesses (Business Recovery Grant). The grants have already been paid and were made available as an immediate payment to help householders get back to normal as quickly as possible.

2.3 Authorities which have reported a minimum of 25 properties being flooded internally are eligible for and invited to sign up for the PFRRSS. This scheme is managed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and makes further grants of £5,000 available to residents. The purpose of the grant is not to cover the cost of repairs but to implement measures which will improve resilience against further flooding.

2.4 The scheme will run until March 2021.

3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 Option 1: sign up for the PFRRSS.

3.2 Option 2: reject the opportunity to sign up for the PFRRSS.

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Option 1: This is our preferred option as the scheme would:

- Support and enable residents both practically and financially to implement additional flood protection measures to both reduce the risk of flooding on future occasions and to reduce the level of damage if flooding cannot be prevented

4.2 Option 2: Rejecting the scheme would:

- Miss an opportunity to support residents both practically and financially

5. **FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

5.1 **Legal:**

The Memorandum of Understanding is not legally binding but authorities are expected to comply with its terms.

The authority would need to make it clear that it cannot guarantee that properties which have been awarded the grant and implemented resilience measures, will not flood again and that in the event of further flooding recurring, North Lincolnshire Council bears no liability.

5.2 **Financial / Staffing:**

The authority will administer the scheme from within existing resources.

DEFRA will transfer funding quarterly in arrears based on uptake of grants by eligible applicants.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 Council priorities:

The scheme would support our priorities of growing the local economy, keeping people safe and well and enabling communities to flourish by providing protection against future flood risk and bringing revenue to the area which will benefit local providers.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment has not been completed but there are clear environmental benefits to implementing flood risk protective measures.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 The Humber Emergency Planning Service has supported the council in the cross-council response to the flood events and the subsequent recovery effort.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Approval is requested to sign up for the scheme.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –

Cover letter for Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
PRFSS Memorandum of Understanding
PFRRSS 2019 Local Authority Guidance
Code of Practice for PFS