

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 24 AUGUST 2004**

#### **PROPOSED ADDITIONAL FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES IN THE IRVINE VALLEY**

##### **Report by Executive Director of Development & Property Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of progress to date with the Council's proposed flood prevention works for Galston.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In September 2002, the Development Services Committee approved the development of flood prevention proposals for Galston and at its meeting of 12 March 2003 approved the proposals for the appointment of consultants to prepare a Formal Flood Prevention Scheme for Galston.
- 2.2 Messrs Scott Wilson were appointed following competitive tender procedures to undertake this work.

#### **3. PROGRESS**

- 3.1 A site Investigation contract is currently in progress at Galston.
- 3.2 A public exhibition of the proposals will be held in Galston Primary School on 24 August 2004 from 6pm until 8pm.
- 3.3 Following this public consultation, the Flood Prevention Scheme will be prepared and submitted to the Scottish Executive for approval and funding.
- 3.4 Parties affected by the scheme will require to be notified and the scheme advertised in the Kilmarnock Standard and Edinburgh Gazette for two consecutive weeks. There is a statutory requirement to allow 3 months from time of advertising.
- 3.5 If there are no objections, and providing that the Scottish Executive give approval and funding, the scheme will then proceed to tender and the construction.
- 3.6 If there are objections which cannot be resolved by the Council, the scheme will be subject to a Public Inquiry. This would delay start of construction

#### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council has powers to carry out flood prevention works. Major schemes undertaken directly by the Council on privately owned land require submission of a Flood Prevention Scheme to the Scottish Ministers under the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The preparation of the Flood Prevention Scheme from submission to contract issue will be funded within the approved capital programme allocation for 2004-2005 for flood prevention measures.
- 5.2 The cost of implementing the Flood Prevention Scheme under the 1961 Act is subject up to 50% direct funding from the Scottish Executive with the remaining 50% funded by the Council.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The Committee is requested to:
  - i) note the status of the Additional Flood Prevention measures for the Irvine Valley.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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