

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE -12 MARCH 2003

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES IN THE IRVINE VALLEY

Report by the Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the progress on the Council's proposed flood prevention works for Galston.
- 1.2 To seek the Committee's approval for a public consultation exercise on the proposed flood prevention works for Galston.
- 1.3 To seek the Committee's approval for the preparation of a contract and tender issue for costs, for the promotion of a formal Flood Prevention Scheme under the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961, post public consultation.
- 1.4 To advise Committee that a further report will be submitted setting out funding implications for the progression of the promotion of a formal Flood Prevention Scheme under the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In September 2002, the Development Services Committee approved the development of flood prevention proposals for Galston.

3. PROGRESS

- 3.1 In February 2003, an "Outline Flood Prevention Scheme for Galston" was drawn up by the Babbie Group as consultants to the Council which details options for the protection of Galston for a 1 in 100-year flood event. This report is intended to be utilised for public consultation and to form the basis of a more detailed formal Flood Prevention Scheme under the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961 for submission to the Scottish Ministers for confirmation. It sets out proposals for protecting Galston from flooding from the Burnawn and two options for providing protection from the River Irvine.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The public consultation exercise and the preparation of a formal Flood Prevention Scheme will be contained within the capital budget in year 2003-2004. Implementation of the scheme will depend on financial assistance from the Scottish Executive.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 New flood prevention schemes not carried out on Council land require to be implemented through a Flood Prevention Scheme.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that:

- a) the Committee note the progress on the Council's proposed flood prevention works for Galston;
- b) the Committee approve the public consultation exercise on the proposed flood prevention works for Galston;
- c) the Committee approve the preparation of a contract and tender issue for costs, for the promotion of a formal Flood Prevention Scheme under the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961, including assistance with public consultation; and
- d) the Committee note that a further report will be submitted setting out the recommended option for protection of Galston from flooding from the River Irvine.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1 Babbie Group: Report, 'Outline Flood Prevention Scheme, Galston, February 2003'

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