

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE : 31 OCTOBER 2000

PROGRAMME OF FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES 2000/2001

Report by Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the flood prevention measures which it is planned to undertake during the current financial year.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Development Services Committee meeting of 6 June it was reported that following the major flood event in Kilmarnock in December 1999 the Scottish Executive had made an additional allocation of £500,000 towards the Council's programme of flood prevention measures. The report outlined the main action proposed. This included the completion of projects at Glenfield, Stoddards and N S MacFarlane within Kilmarnock and the preparatory work for flood prevention schemes for works at the Riccarton Bridge area of Kilmarnock.

3 PROPOSALS OF RELEVANCE TO THE KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE

- 3.1 An updated programme was submitted to the Development Services Committee on 24 October. The revised programme includes the following schemes of relevance to the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee.

Glenfield, Queen's Drive, Kilmarnock: Work designed to protect the Glenfield Works. This project forms part of the flood prevention programme approved three years ago for the River Irvine through Kilmarnock. The work is to be carried out by Glenfield themselves with contributions from East Ayrshire Council and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire. The contract has now been let and work is expected to take place over the next few months.

N S MacFarlane: Project involves reinforcement and replacement of existing flood prevention walls. It represents an extension of work carried out by N S MacFarlane two years ago. The work will result in an enhanced level of flood protection to the N S MacFarlane works and the immediate surrounds. This project will result in upgraded flood defences from the Victoria Bridge to the southern side of the Glencairn Industrial Estate. N S MacFarlane will carry out the works themselves with contributions from East Ayrshire Council and Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire. Work is expected to be carried out within the next few months.

Riccarton Area – Flood Prevention Scheme: In the December 1999 flood event the River Irvine over-topped its banks adjacent to the Riccarton bridges in Kilmarnock. This had been anticipated in the original flood risk assessments on which the programme of flood prevention measures was based. The works proposed would complete the upgrading of flood defences from the area referred to above to tie in with the flood defences installed under previous phases of the current programme at the confluence of the Kilmarnock Water and River Irvine. This scheme will require a Full Flood Prevention Scheme since it involves constructing defences on privately-owned land. Consultants have been retained to carry out the preparatory work.

It is expected that the flood prevention schemes will have been submitted to the Scottish Executive by April 2001. Implementation of the measures required will depend on acceptance of the scheme by the Scottish Executive and further funding being made available by the Executive.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The measures proposed will be funded within the Council's current allocation for flood prevention measures within the capital programme of the Development Services Committee. Provision included in this programme for expenditure of at least £200,000 for the measures summarised at paragraph 3 above.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the schemes of relevance contained in the Council's revised programme of flood prevention measures for 2000/2001.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS **Nil**

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AGENDA