

REPORT TO: Cabinet
Council

DATE: 25 November 2010
16 December 2010

SUBJECT: Flood Risk Management

**WARDS
AFFECTED:** All

REPORT OF: Peter Moore
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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to request inclusion of the projects detailed below in the Capital programme.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED: Part 4 of the Council's Constitution states that before capital expenditure is incurred, individual schemes should be submitted for approval.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

(1) Cabinet is requested to submit a recommendation to the Council that the following schemes be included in the Capital Programme to be fully funded from ringfenced Environment Agency grant and a Sefton Revenue contribution:

- (i) Claremont Avenue Maghull Land Drainage investigation - £35,000
- (ii) Thornton and Lunt Land Drainage Investigation - £39,000
- (iii) Dobbs Gutter Flood Alleviation Study - £41,000
- (iv) Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) - £120,000 (including £20k Revenue contribution)

(2) That Members note the grant application to the Environment Agency for the Moss Lane, Lydiate Flood Alleviation Scheme (£245,000) and that this be the subject of a further report following the outcome of the bid.

Council is requested to approve the recommendation set out in (1) above

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the Council meeting

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework:

Financial: There are no additional capital or revenue financial implications for the Council arising from these projects. All are fully covered by ringfenced Environment Agency Grants with the addition of a £20,000 revenue contribution towards the SWMP project from within the Council's existing Land Drainage Works Budget.

	2010/11 £	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	2013/14 £
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>				
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	215,000			
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources (revenue contribution)				
Specific Capital Resources	215,000			
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?	N/a – these are one off grant funded projects.			

Legal:

Risk Assessment:

Asset Management: The schemes have been considered by the Strategic Asset Management Group.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

FD 523 - The Acting Finance and Information Services Director has been consulted and his comments have been incorporated into this report.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
3	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		✓	
8	Children and Young People		✓	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

1. Background

1.1 The following schemes have received ringfenced grant-aid approval from the Environment Agency:

- i) **Claremont Avenue Maghull Land Drainage investigation £35,000**
- ii) **Thornton and Lunt Land Drainage Investigation £39,000**
- iii) **Dobbs Gutter Flood Alleviation Study £41,000**

These schemes will improve our understanding of flood risk in these areas, will set out how best to manage this and develop a business case for the Council to apply for further grant-aid from the Environment Agency.

- iv) **Surface Water Management Plan £120,000 (£100,000 ringfenced grant-aid plus £20,000 from the Council's 2010/11 Land Drainage Works Budget.)**

This project will document our understanding of flood risk from surface water and set out how best to manage this risk.

1.2 The following scheme will be the subject of a grant application to the Environment Agency:

- Moss Lane Lydiate, Flood Alleviation Scheme £245,000**

This scheme will reduce the flood risk currently experienced at this location.

2. Financial Implications

2.1 There are no additional capital or revenue financial implications arising from these projects as all are Grant-aided from the Environment Agency plus £20,000 from within the Council's Land Drainage Works Revenue Budget. Following completion of these investigations ,no further expenditure will be incurred on individual projects other than preparation of applications for further grant-aid approval from the Environment Agency.