NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report to: Leader of the Council
Portfolio Holder Public Protection and Community Relations

Portfolio Holder(s): Councillor Paul Peacock
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Report Summary	
Type of Report	Open report
Report Title	Increase to the Capital Programme – Oxton Flood Relief Channel
Purpose of Report	To request approval for an increase to the in year capital programme to allow urgent works to be undertaken at the Oxton Flood Relief Channel
Recommendations	To approve the request to increase the in year capital programme by £50,000
Alternative Options Considered	Do nothing – the channel is NSDC responsibility and works are required Wait until new financial year – the works need to be undertaken as soon as possible
Reason for Recommendations	To ensure the authority resolves the current issues at the flood relief channel

1.0 Background

1.1 NSDC is responsible for a section of the Oxton Flood Relief channel and has been since its development a number of years ago.

1.2 The channel is regularly maintained by NSDC to ensure that it flows effectively, this normally requires the channel to any vegetation cut back and the desilting to ensure the gradient and flow remains unaffected.

1.3 In some parts of the channel the banks have slipped and degraded and works are required to stabilise these and prevent any further slippage and to ensure the channel remains clear and operational.

2.0 Proposal/Details of Options Considered

2.1 In and around Oxton there are a number of flood control measures which are the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council, IDB and NSDC. Significant works have been undertaken recently by NCC and continue to be completed at Oxton and our own section requires works to ensure its effectiveness.

2.2 There is a small revenue budget in place that is used to undertake general maintenance of our NSDC assets however the works required on the Oxton Flood Relief Channel far exceed this small budget.

2.3 Quotes have been sought for the works and to date these range from £17k to £35k each with a differing solution to the problem. Within Public Protection w do not have the necessary professional engineering and hydrology knowledge to assess which solution is best for this specific location and it is necessary to engage external specialist to assess the required works and to ensure that these will not only be functional and effective but that they will work with the existing and wider flooding measures in place.

2.4 In order to ensure this work can be undertaken a request for an increase to the in year capital programme is required to enable us to seek external specialist support and to then commission contractors to deliver on the required solution.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

3.1 Financial Implications FIN25-26/1996

Capital

The immediate engineering works required for the Oxton Flood Relief Channel are estimated to be in the region of £50,000. This will need to be added to the Council's Capital Programme, financed by Capital Receipts.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.