

WHITESANDS FLOOD RISK APPRAISAL: UPDATE

1. Reason for Report ^[d1]

This report advises members of progress on the Whitesands Flood Risk Appraisal project.

2. Recommendation ^[d2]

Members are asked to note the progress and the target reporting dates for the Whitesands Flood Risk Appraisal Project:

- (i) receipt of draft report mid-June 2007;
- (ii) receipt of final report mid-July 2007; and
- (iii) report to Members September 2007.

3. Corporate Plan Links and Contribution ^[d3]

The Whitesands Flood Risk Appraisal project contributes to all three themes in the 2003-7 Corporate Plan and particularly to the Safe and Healthy Communities theme. The project contributes directly to a priority project (H4) the regeneration of Dumfries town centre.

4. Resources/Value for Money Assessment ^[d4]

The project is funded from the Flood Risk Mitigation Revenue budget.

5. Risk Assessment ^[d5]

Risks associated with the project were considered within the original report to the Ad Hoc Dumfries Town Centre Regeneration Sub Committee on 30 August 2006.

6. Consultations ^[d6]

The Corporate Director for Combined Services, the Director for Finance and the Nithsdale Area Management Team have been consulted and are in agreement with the terms of this report.

7. Background ^[d7]

The Ad Hoc Dumfries Town Centre Regeneration Sub Committee on 30 August 2006 noted the findings of the Whitesands Flood Risk Assessment undertaken as part of the Dumfries Town Centre Urban Design Strategy Study and agreed to the commissioning of a more detailed flood risk appraisal at an estimated initial cost of £25,000.

8. Key Issues ^[d8]

8.1 A project brief was developed and tenders invited on 27 October 2006. The tender was awarded on 5 December 2006, with a commencement date of 19 December 2006.

8.2 Topographic survey work has to be carried out to support existing work for the project and the scale and nature of that survey work impacts on the project programme. It is currently estimated that a draft Report will be received by the

middle of June 2007 with a final version due mid-July 2007. This would realistically mean a report to Members in September 2007.

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