

Agenda item:

Title of meeting: Cabinet

Subject: North Portsea Flood Defences - Construction Phase 1

Date of meeting: 5 February 2015

Report by: Head of Department - Transport and Environment

Wards affected: Baffins, Copnor and Hilsea.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet Members of progress on the North Portsea Flood Defences as work moves into the construction of Phase 1, Anchorage Park.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 For the Environment and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Cllr New) to write to the Minister for the Environment and offer the Portsmouth Business Case as an exemplar case study for future projects.

3. Information

- 3.1 Approval of funding for North Portsea Island Flood Defence refurbishment has been awarded by the Environment Agency in a letter to David Williams dated 16th January 2015 for the sum of £43,992,000 (construction funding). The work is programmed to be undertaken over 7 to 10 years and is phased to ensure minimum disruption to the City and Residents. Opportunities to accelerate the scheme will be reviewed by Council Officers and The Environment Agency where appropriate within their existing six year programme.
- 3.2 Prior to the award, Detailed Design of the first phase of construction at Anchorage Park (£5.5million) had been undertaken to ensure work can begin in April 2015.
- 3.3 Public drop in sessions for the Anchorage Park Phase were held at Anchorage Lodge on the 15th and 16th of January 2015 where the project was well received. The project Team provided a comprehensive poster display showing haul roads, site compound areas and construction areas and

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addressed questions and concerns. The exhibition was attended by Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Rob New.

- 3.4 The Council has issued tender documents for construction of this first phase of work and bids will be assessed during February, where particular attention will be placed upon the bidder's ability to address working in a residential area. The Project Team are fully aware of the sensitivities of working in an urbanised environment and will be ensuring that the contractor selected for this work is resourced to deal with this.
- 3.5 Tree and scrub clearance work will begin mid-February, with mobilisation and construction commencing in April. Throughout the construction period there will be regular drop in sessions to inform residents of progress and to address concerns. The construction team will also be able to address resident's enquiries on a daily basis.
- 3.6 The duration of this first phase of work is estimated to be around seven months and should be completed before December 2015.
- 3.7 A further report will be brought to Cabinet later this year to update members on construction and to provide detail on subsequent construction phases commencing in 2016.

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Signed by (Head of Service)

Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location