



Title of meeting: Cabinet
Subject: North Portsea Flood Defences - Construction Phase 1
Date of meeting: 3rd July 2015
Report by: Director of Transport and Environment & Business Support
Wards affected: Baffins, Copnor and Hilsea.

1. Purpose

1.1 To inform Cabinet of progress on the North Portsea Flood Defences as work moves into the construction of Phase 1, Anchorage Park.

2. Recommendations

2.1 For Cabinet to note the contents of the report.

3. Background Information

3.1 Approval of construction funding for North Portsea Island Flood Defence refurbishment has been awarded by the Environment Agency, in a letter to the Chief Executive dated 16th January 2015, for the sum of £43,992,000.

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 had been undertaken to ensure work could commence upon the successful appointment of a preferred contractor.

3.3 Site set up by the preferred contractor commenced on May 7th 2015. Timber haul routes and site compounds have been built.

3.4 The close proximity to residential property means the on-site team and PCC officers have to respond both quickly and sensitively to requests, queries and challenges from residents despite an extensive and successful consultation exercise in which all 3 ward councillors participated. Councillor New, as both ward councillor and Cabinet Member for Environment and Safety has been

able to provide any additional support and context when that has been required. Drop in surgeries, for residents to speak to the on-site team, on Wednesdays and Thursdays began on 1st July 2015

- 3.5 The duration of this first phase of work is estimated to last around five months and should be completed in October 2015. During this construction window the project team will have placed nearly 150,000 tonnes of material, completed bridge enhancements to the Eastern Road, provided enhanced landscaping, and increased access to public open space, as well as delivering much needed flood protection for the residents and businesses of Anchorage Park.
- 3.6 Environmental enhancement through the removal of Great Salterns Quay is due to start next year. At the same time, detailed design will be undertaken on further phases of work around Tipner Lake and the Mountbatten Centre with a view to beginning these future packages of construction over the next few years.
- 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.

4.0 Equality Impact Assessment

- 4.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment already exists for this project. There are no changes arising from this report that would alter the impact of the service on any equalities groups.

5.0 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report

6.0 Finance comments

- 6.1 Portsmouth City Council is the Accountable body for these funds and as such will provide financial oversight and assurance at all times. Any grant claims will be verified by PCC finance and will be approved by the Director of Finance and IT and S151 Officer.

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Signed by Alan Cufley, Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support

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 |
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| none | |
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The recommendation set out above were approved/approved as amended / deferred / rejected by on.....

Signed by.....
 Councillor Donna Jones, Leader of the Council