

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	Executive Committee
Date:	29th October, 2018
Subject:	Funding for Flooding Work in Llangefni
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A –Recommendation/s and reason/s
<p>That the Highways, Waste and Property Service receives £85k of Capital funding to cover the costs of carrying out the construction of a flood prevention wall at the rear of Glandwr, Llangefni (£85k);</p> <p>On the 22nd November 2017, Anglesey suffered a sustained extreme rainfall event. Figures from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) indicate that this event had very high return periods, particularly to the East of the Island, with a 31 year return period recorded for Llangefni. Six residential and 27 commercial properties were internally flooded in Llangefni as a consequence of this rainfall event.</p> <p>The Isle of Anglesey County Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), has a duty under the Flood & Water Management Act 2010 to have in place a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and such a strategy has been produced and adopted by Council.</p> <p>Within the strategy, listed as one of the ten objectives of an LLFA is the objective “<i>To reduce the impact and consequences for individuals, communities, businesses and the environment from flooding and coastal erosion</i>”.</p> <p>In Llangefni the Council inspected those of its assets that it considered could have an influence in the event of a reoccurrence of extreme rainfall of the magnitude experienced in November 2017 and identified a length of boundary walling, in its ownership, near the Afon Cefni and to the rear of Glandwr Terrace.</p> <p>This walling had, in places, fallen into disrepair and it was considered that repairing this length of walling and providing a consistent crest level, would act to reduce the flood risk at Glandwr Terrace and reduce the risk of flood water flowing along Ffordd Glandwr and into Church Street.</p>

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?

Following the flooding the local Assembly Member hosted a community drop-in session in Llangefni to discuss the flooding. The drop-in session was attended by NRW, Dŵr Cymru/WW, IoACC Councillors and staff, local businesses and residents. There was a strong community desire for urgent action to be taken before winter 2018. NRW subsequently arranged river clearing work and flood modelling work, but this process can take many years before a scheme is approved.

The alternative to constructing the wall in Llangefni would be to wait for NRW to complete the flood modelling work with the risk of properties and businesses in the town centre suffering from flooding again in the interim.

Due to the damaged caused by the 22/11/17 flood some residents are still affected and some businesses have not re-opened. It was considered that delaying the work would risk further flooding and reputational damage to the Authority.

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

To obtain the funding that is not available from the core budget.

CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

Yes

D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?

E – Impact on our Future Generations(if relevant)

1	How does this decision impact on our long term needs as an Island	It reduces the risk of flooding in the affected community.
2	Is this a decision which it is envisaged will prevent future costs / dependencies on the Authority. If so, how:-	Yes, it reduce the risk of emergency works and costs.
3	Have we been working collaboratively with other organisations to come to this decision, if so, please advise whom:	Yes, NRW and Dŵr Cymru.
4	Have Anglesey citizens played a part in drafting this way forward? Please explain how:-	There have been calls from the residents of the community for flood prevention work.

5	What impact if any does this decision have on the Equalities agenda and the Welsh language	None.
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DD – Who did you consult?		What did they say?
1	Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	No comments
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	<p>The works can be funded in two ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By allocating £85k from general balances 2. By transferring unutilised capital funding previously allocated to other schemes. <p>Given that the level of general balances are currently projected too be below the minimum requirement at the end of 2018/19, it would not be advisable to further deplete the level of the general balances when other options are available to finance the cost. I therefore recommend the 2nd option and that £85k of unutilised capital funding is allocated to this scheme.</p>
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	No comments
4	Human Resources (HR)	
5	Property	
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
7	Procurement	
8	Scrutiny	
9	Local Members	

F - Appendices:
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FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):
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