

Item CB 16/64 referred from extraordinary Cabinet minutes of 6 September 2016

CB 16/64 FLOODING UPDATE: TONBRIDGE, HILDENBOROUGH AND EAST PECKHAM

Further to Decision No D140135MEM, the report of the Management Team provided an update on the flood mitigation project relating to the areas of the Borough on the River Medway most vulnerable to flooding. Details were given of the programme and funding of the mitigation schemes and it was noted that a bid had been submitted for funding from the Local Growth Fund by the Borough Council with participation from Kent County Council and the Environment Agency.

Consideration was given to a “fast-tracked” evaluation of the Leigh Flood Storage Area, Hildenborough flood protection bund and East Peckham flood mitigation scheme with a recommendation for a maximum capital grant of £500,000 in 2020/21 as a partnership contribution. Members were advised that public exhibitions of the proposed schemes would be held including one at the Angel Centre, Tonbridge on 20 – 22 October 2016.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the “fast-tracked” evaluation of the flood mitigation schemes for Leigh, Hildenborough and East Peckham, as evidenced at Annex 2 to the report, be supported; and
- (2) the Council approve the updating of the existing Capital Plan to reflect a capital grant, as a partnership contribution, towards the project of £500,000 (maximum) in 2020/21.

***Referred to Council**