

Decision to be taken by the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety on or after 18 September 2015

Reassignment of funds towards Ladbroke Flood Alleviation Scheme

Recommendation

That the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety ratifies the decision taken by Communities Leadership Team (COLT) in December 2013 to reassign £50,000 towards the installation of a flood alleviation scheme in Ladbroke.

1.0 Context

- 1.1 Following a review of the application for £50k flood alleviation in Ladbroke and availability of section 106 funding by COLT (the Communities Leadership Team) in December 2013, resources have been identified which are available for purposes including flood alleviation.

2.0 Background to the Ladbroke scheme

- 2.1 Serious flooding occurred in the village of Ladbroke in the flood events of Easter 1998 and summer 2007. This resulted in significant internal flooding of properties in the village with a reported nine properties affected with depths of flooding up 1.2m. Many homeowners were out of their properties for over six months. Internal flooding of properties was only very narrowly avoided in the November and December of 2013.
- 2.2 The A423 Ladbroke bypass was constructed some years ago by Warwickshire County Council upstream of the village, and some feel that this has exacerbated the surface water flooding issues in Ladbroke. There is a perception in the village that they have been promised flood alleviation by the County Council for a number of years, yet nothing has happened. The villagers have been pro-active in offering assistance, including making financial contributions themselves to a flood alleviation scheme.

3.0 Key issues

- 3.1 There remains the opportunity to provide flood alleviation for the village, possibly using the embankment on which the A423 sits. Partnership scores required to access Flood Defence Grant in Aid for 2014-15 are much higher than was previously predicted, making it more difficult than ever to access funding for schemes in locations such as Ladbroke. However, with a £50k input we could:

- investigate the strength of the embankment to support impounded water behind it;
- investigate other options to provide flood alleviation in Ladbroke;
- have a sum remaining to contribute to the construction of the scheme.

3.2 The overall cost of the scheme would depend on the results of the investigations into the strength of the existing embankment, or the preferred option after other investigations have been undertaken. If this were favourable, £50k could be enough to complete the entire scheme.

4.0 Background Papers

None

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