



## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

### **INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **TOPIC – HOUSING SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS IMPROVEMENTS 2014/15**

### **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

### **Contact Officers:**

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### **SUMMARY**

The Council has a long-term responsibility to maintain private (that is non-mains drainage connected) sewage treatment works held within the Housing Revenue Account.

This PHDN is to approve agreed Capital Expenditure on Improvement Works to the Council owned sewage treatment plant at The Hallways, Littleton and the reserve scheme at St Marys Close, Droxford.

### **DECISION**

1. That capital expenditure of £103,000 be approved in accordance with Finance Procedure Rule 6.4 and the Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment), in consultation with the Assistant Director (Chief Housing Officer), be authorised to progress the programme for 2014/15 as outlined in the summary.

2. That the Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) be given delegated authority to make minor adjustments to the programme to meet the maintenance and operational needs of the City Council Sewage Treatment Works as required, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Assistant Director (Chief Housing Officer).
3. That the reserve scheme be commenced if resources allow the design and implementation works to be carried out.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

The Environment Agency (EA) have applied a discharge consent to the Works at The Hallways which the current plant can not meet. The EA have deferred implementing the consent for 12 months and officer have agreed to renew the Works within this time frame.

Should personnel resources permit, the reserve scheme at St Marys Close, Droxford will be designed and built. This is also a septic tank and is close to the end of its useful life. A package treatment plant would be installed in its place.

### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There is an allocation of £103,000 in the 2014/15 approved HRA capital programme for improvement works and approval is sought to spend approximately £60,000 on The Hallways and £43,000 on the reserve site at St Marys Close.

### **CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION**

At a meeting between officers and the EA, it was agreed that The Hallways septic tank would be replaced by a treatment plant to ensure that effluent was within the Consent Limit recently issued by the EA.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing has also been consulted.

### **FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

None

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED**

None.

**DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

n/a

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision: 21.05.14

**Councillor Stephen Godfrey – Portfolio Holder for Finance and Organisational Development**