

Report Title:	Waterways Funding
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Member reporting:	Councillor David Evans, Lead Member for Maidenhead Regeneration and Maidenhead
Meeting and Date:	26 September 2017
Responsible Officer(s):	Russell O'Keefe, Executive Director
Wards affected:	All

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REPORT SUMMARY

- 1 The Council has been supporting the Waterways Project to create a high quality, safe, green corridor through the town that delivers valuable amenity to residents, business and visitors and supports the wider regeneration of Maidenhead.
- 2 The report requests approval for additional funding to be added to the Council's capital programme to complete the current phase of the project, build the weir and progress associated contractual processes.

1 DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

RECOMMENDATION: That Council notes the report and:

- i) **Agrees to add to the Council's Capital Programme £1,000,000 in 2017/18 and £575,000 in 2018/19**

2 REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 The Maidenhead Waterway Project is an ambitious project that the Council has been supported to ensure the waterway that runs from the Cliveden Reach of the River Thames at Cookham, through Maidenhead, is transformed into a valuable amenity for the benefit of all those who live, work or spend their leisure time in the Maidenhead area and support the wider regeneration and economic growth of the town.
- 2.2 The project is part of the agreed Area Action Plan to rejuvenate Maidenhead and the Regulation 19 Borough Local Plan. Previous consultation has shown significant support for the project and the benefits to the Town.
- 2.3 The project supports the redevelopment of areas alongside the waterway and provides opportunity for increased investment in the area through improved returns on developments and higher quality design that embrace the waterside setting.

- 2.4 These areas include the Council sites to be developed through the Royal Borough Development Partnership with Countryside who are liaising closely with the Waterways Restoration Group in the development of detailed site proposals.
- 2.5 The current phase of the project, which runs from the A4 to the railway Arches and includes the water basin at Chapel Arches, is due to be completed in December 2017. It is planned to then build a weir at Green Lane which is essential to lift water levels in the York Stream throughout the town centre.
- 2.6 The report requests approval for additional funding to be added to the Council's capital programme to complete the current phase of the project, build the weir and progress associated contractual processes. More detail on are provided in Annex A in the part 2 agenda.

Table 1: Options

Option	Comments
To agree that the funding is added to the Council's capital programme	Ensures the completion of the current phase of the project and the building of the weir which is essential to the raising of the water level.
To not agree that the funding is added to the Council's capital programme	This would mean that the current phase of the project could not be successfully completed and the weir would not be built which is needed to raise the water levels.

3 KEY IMPLICATIONS

Table 2: Key implications

Outcome	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date of delivery
Current phase completed	January 2018	December 2017	November 2017	N/A	31 December 2017
Weir completed	February 2019	January 2019	December 2018	November 2018	31 January 2019

4 FINANCIAL DETAILS / VALUE FOR MONEY

- 4.1 It is recommended to add £1,000,000 to the Council's capital programme in 2017/18 and £575,000 in 2018/19.
- 4.2 In addition to the significant benefits to the town the Waterways Project also helps the Council to maximise the value it receives from the town centre sites it owns that are being taken forward as part of the Royal Borough Development Partnership with Countryside.

Table 3: Financial impact of report's recommendations

CAPITAL			
Addition	£0	£1,000,000	£575,000
Reduction	£0	£0	£0
Net impact	£0	£0	£0

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Council has the powers to fund projects of this nature.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

Table 4: Impact of risk and mitigation

Risks	Uncontrolled Risk	Controls	Controlled Risk
Scheme may take longer to deliver than planned or cost more	High	Effective project management protocols are applied within that available in the contracts	Medium/ low

7 POTENTIAL IMPACTS

7.1 There are no equalities, human rights, community cohesion or workforce impacts. The project helps the Council to maximise value from its land assets around the Waterway.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The approach has been discussed with the Maidenhead Waterways Project Board.

9 TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Table 5: Implementation timetable

Date	Details
December 2017	First phase of project completed
January – March 2018	Tender carried out for construction of the weir
January 2019	Weir completed

9.1 Implementation date if not called would be immediately.

10 APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix A – Part II Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

11 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

11.1 None

12 CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held	Date sent	Commented & returned
Councillor David Evans	Lead Member for Maidenhead Regeneration and Maidenhead	16/9/2017	17/09/17
Alison Alexander	Managing Director	16/9/2017	17/09/17
Russell O'Keefe	Executive Director		
Andy Jeffs	Executive Director	16/9/2017	17/09/17
Rob Stubbs	Section 151 Officer	16/9/2017	
Terry Baldwin	Head of HR	16/9/2017	
Mary Kilner	Head of Law and Governance	16/9/2017	
Louisa Dean	Communications and Marketing Manager	16/9/2017	