

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 24 JANUARY 2013
 title: GENERAL REPORT
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of relevant issues which have arisen since the last meeting.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Council Ambitions – The following reports generally relate to the Council's ambitions to make people's lives healthier and safer.

2 FLOOD PROTECTION GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE - WHALLEY

2.1 I am pleased to report that the Property Flood Protection Scheme in Ribchester is now complete. The Council has now achieved flood protection to a total of 52 'at risk' properties.

2.2 Further to my last report, regarding the application made for more property protection grants in Whalley following the June 2012 inundation, the Environment Agency have advised they are unable to entirely fund the scheme and are only able under current circumstances to fund £30,000 of the estimated £120,000 costs. The proposed scheme was for a further 22 properties, to deliver a 'Fit and Forget' scheme which provides an enhanced level of flood protection.

2.3 As such the matter is to be raised at the next meeting of the 'Making Space for Water' Group with a view to seeking other partnership funding.

3 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY LIAISON MEETING

3.1 A liaison meeting was held on 10 December 2012. A copy of the minutes is attached as the Appendix to this report.

4 CLITHEROE CEMETERY EXTENSION UPDATE

4.1 I am pleased to report the ongoing progress with the proposed Clitheroe Cemetery extension scheme. Engineering Services are currently completing the final specification to issue for tender and to receive prices by week commencing 1 April. It is then intended to award the contract week commencing 14 April with a view to commencing work in early May and for infrastructure construction to be completed by the end of July 2013.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.