Herefordshire Council

Notes

Monthly flood risk management meeting 12 July 2022

Chair: Herefordshire Council - Steve Hodges (HC) Attendees: Balfour Beatty (BBLP): Joel Hockenhull (JH), Jenny Allen (JA). Environment Agency (EA) Project Support Office (PSO): Pio Chinyere (PC), Danielle Degville (DD), George Maslin (GM). EA West Midlands FCRM Programme Team: Mike Teague (MT), Brad Everitt (BE). ESW RFCC Local Levy Team: Karen Jouny (KJ), Amy Beddoes (AB).

1 Update on EA led schemes

- Greyfriars: GM Environmental/archaeology studies are being undertaken throughout the summer. Public meeting drop in session scheduled for 21 September.
- Leintwardine & Walford: GM strategic outline case (SOC) has been signed off. Procurement
 is underway for a consultant to support PFR proposals. Newsletter provided to Parish Council
 (PC) for distribution to residents with letter drops and door knocks taking place. Tom Meyrick
 now leading. SH requested for all communications to be shared with the Ward Member, BBLP
 and HC (as well as the PC).
- Mordiford Bridge: DD Further meeting planned with HC Highways Authority.
- Ewyas Harold / Dulas Brook: DD Scope of SOC signed off and Arup have started the model review. Citizenspace webpage yet to be launched – SH requested timeline to be shared to the community.
- Eardisland: DD Project team in place and EA hope to have SOC signed off shortly. PFR surveys and weir modification modelling to be completed to confirm preferred option in OBC – SH requested timeline to be shared to the community.
- CBG: DD Internal workshops are underway to split the River Arrow catchments into themes. Once complete, other stakeholders will be engaged.

2 Update on HC led schemes

- Wellington Likely that WSP will complete the modelling over this financial year and next. Paperwork to drawdown funding to be submitted by HC to the EA next week.
- Eardisley Positive meeting with Parish Council representatives. Engagement needed with landowners and utility companies. The Parish Council has requested an in-person community meeting in August/September.
- Brimfield, Orleton & Little Hereford PFR scheme Property level surveys have been shared with property owners (c.18 properties interested). An in-person community meeting is being organised in August to confirm measures.
- Orleton, Flood Alleviation Scheme, Herefordshire The request to close this project (as it's been combined with the above PFR scheme) has been acknowledged and the project is marked as complete on AIMS.
- Ayles Brook AB and BE to talk to EA PSO, EA Programming and the Trent local levy team to see how this project can be progressed.
- Lyde Flow calculations complete which confirms current 300dia pipe is too small proposal to replace with min 375dia pipe to satisfy 1 in 100 year event. To access funding, a Business Case will need to be submitted which is proportionate to include options e.g. opening up of the channel, PFR. N.B. the PF score must be over 100% and the BCR > 1. An exception report (ER) will be submitted if the funding required changes. CCTV survey required to see where pipe size changes. Could monies be released to community to resolve issue via a contractor?
- Lea AB to get in touch with Sarah Caple to discuss the FCRM 5.
- Yazor Use existing hydraulic model of Yazor Brook and extend to include Roman Road. An ER was submitted in June 2022 and approved – £25,000 Local Levy funding shifted into 2022/23.

- Kymin Brook Cost of modelling Little Lugg is being assessed. Discussion needed at September meeting to confirm whether an ER is required.
- Daycroft Lane Walford: Cost of modelling is being assessed.

3 Update on NFM Business Case

• SH advised that tenders for Catchment Advisor services are currently being evaluated, with a view to contracts commencing in the autumn. Reprofiling of funding may be required following this.

4 Update on the DEFRA Property Flood Resilience scheme

• SH advised that this has now closed and arrangements are in place to audit the scheme and to draw down funding from DEFRA. SH to arrange for mapping to be shared with the EA and BBLP.

5 Any other business

- GM advised that Toby Whitehouse has moved on within the EA and has been replaced by Wayne Best.
- BBLP are looking to progress WSP's refresh of our Local Flood Risk Management Strategy this year.

6 Dates of future meetings

- Tuesday 13 September, 9.30am
- Tuesday 11 October, 9.30am
- Tuesday 8 November, 9.30am
- Tuesday 13 December, 9.30am