

## Assurance Panel Summary



### Scheme Details

<b>Project Name</b>	Doncaster Surface Water Mitigation Projects	<b>Type of funding</b>	Capital Grant
<b>Grant Recipient</b>	DMBC	<b>Total Scheme Cost</b>	£0.7m
<b>MCA Executive Board</b>	Housing and Infrastructure	<b>MCA Funding</b>	£0.4m
<b>Programme name</b>	Gainshare - Flood Relief	<b>% MCA Allocation</b>	57%

### Part A - Appraisal Summary

Strategic Case	
<i>Project rationale</i>	<p>Doncaster Council is seeking to invest to mitigate against long standing surface water flooding issues which affect the public transportation network and absorb limited essential resources during flood response events.</p> <p>Resolving long standing surface water flooding issues and upgrading the existing network will mitigate the flood risk to residential and commercial properties and improve transportation routes during a flooding event, which also benefits the emergency services, residents and businesses within the area to ensure growth and investment within the region. The rational for further public sector investment is internal revenue budgets are intended for the maintenance of existing assets and but do not include the required level of funding for capital replacement costs.</p> <p>By reducing the frequency, significance and duration of future flooding impacts, Doncaster Council will also be reducing incident response costs and operational costs (during future events) through resource deployment (e.g. sandbag distribution / collection / supply, pump supply). Other costs incurred frequently by Doncaster council following flooding events include highway infrastructure repair due to water damage (eg pot holes) and jetting/CCTV survey costs for highway drainage systems to remove silt/debris deposits. The savings could then be allocated to improving or maintaining other drainage assets to reduce/improve flooding within the local area.</p>
<i>Strategic fit</i>	See Annex 1 at the end of this form.
<i>Proposed outcomes</i>	<p>The proposed outcomes of the project have strong alignment with the desired outcomes of the Strategic Economic Plan, particularly the strategic outcome 'Greener' and indicator 'Flood Mitigation'.</p> <p>The project also makes contributions to 'Air Quality' in that the use of sustainable urban drainage systems promote the diffusion of harmful chemicals and provide green habitats which remove pollutants from the air, remove carbon and emit oxygen.</p>

Other outcomes of the project include:

- Ensure 2 local contractors are invited to tender for each works package and there is a minimum 30% quality aspect
- Mitigate the risk of flooding to the specified locations to a 1/30 year event by year 2023.
- Reducing the maintenance required post flood reduces carbon production associated with these activities.
- Improve transport infrastructure and associated costs (highway surfacing repairs, CCTV / Jetting) during and after a flooding event by reducing highway flooding.
- Reduce road closures and other temporary traffic controls by reducing the amount of highway flooding to 4km of the network.

### Value for Money Statement

No benefits have been monetised. This detail would be needed for future progress of the proposal.

Non-Monetised benefits of the project include:

- Area of Land with Reduced Likelihood of Flooding as a Result of the Project = 51,000m<sup>2</sup>
- Homes with Reduced Flood Risk = 50
- Commercial Premises with Reduced Flood Risk = 10
- Increased enterprise to the area due to reduction of flooding which has a negative impact on local economy growth and investment.
- Reduced unemployment through the prevention of business relocation from the region, investment in flood resilience and employment through construction and design.

### Risk

Top 5 risks as presented in the business case:

1. Not securing funding, which will result in scheme not going ahead, residential and commercial properties will remain at risk (Likelihood: Med / Impact: Med)
2. Delays due to adverse weather, the scheme would be affected by a flooding event, which will delay scheme delivery (Likelihood: Med / Impact: Low)
3. Delays due to further COVID impacts / restrictions (Likelihood: Med / Impact: Med)
4. Incomplete Design (Likelihood: Low / Impact: Med)
5. Inaccurate Project Spec (Likelihood: Low / Impact: Med)

The applicant has not identified any risks owners or mitigating actions.

### Delivery

The timescales for the delivery of the projects key milestones appear reasonable at this stage, although the programme does not provide a target date for the submission of the Full Business Case to the MCA and should be clarified. The project is scheduled to commence on site August 2022 and complete March 2023.

The applicant has identified that delivery of the scheme (construction) may potentially be accelerated if there is no adverse weather or unforeseen issues on site once works commence.

### Legal

No legal opinion on Subsidy Rules have been obtained for the project. The applicant states: “the scheme is an infrastructure project and as such:

- it would not give an advantage to a single beneficiary
- Community wide benefits would result from the project through reduction in the risk of flooding to transport networks and local/regional economy”

## Annex 1 – Strategic Policy Fit

To what extent does the project meet the MCA’s strategic objectives as set out in the of the MCA Corporate Plan 2021-22?

Outcome	Strategic Objective	R/A/G Rating	Comments
<b>Stronger</b> Achieve sustained good growth, underpinned by productivity gains that exceed the UK average	<b>Leading an economic transformation by:</b> 1. creating not just a bigger economy but a better one: higher-tech, higher skill, and higher-value - backing wealth and job creators	R	
	2. enabling businesses to survive, adapt and thrive and be more innovative and resilient as we come out of the pandemic and resulting economic downturn	R	
	3. stimulating local economies by investing in the infrastructure, transport and digital capabilities to create jobs and transform places	A	
<b>Greener</b> Drive forward environmental sustainability to	<b>Leading a green transformation by:</b> 4. decarbonising our economy, regenerating the natural environment and accelerating Net Zero Carbon transition	G	

achieve our net-zero carbon target by 2040	5. capitalising on technological and scientific capabilities to improve the resilience and quantum of clean energy supply, storage, distribution and usage	R	
	6. revolutionising transport, getting South Yorkshire moving by foot, bike, bus, tram and train	R	
<b>Fairer</b> Unlock prosperity by eliminating the wage gap and health inequalities between South Yorkshire and the national average	<b>Leading a wellbeing and inclusion transformation by:</b> 7. raising quality of life, reducing inequality, and widening opportunity for South Yorkshire people	R	
	8. equipping people to contribute to and benefit from economic prosperity	R	
	9. supporting people to improve their skills, get back to work, remain in or progress in work, or set up in business and thereby accelerate social mobility	R	

## Part B - Recommendation and Conditions

<b>Recommendation</b>	Proceed to OBC
<b>Payment Basis</b>	
<b>Conditions of Award (including clawback clauses)</b>	
None	

