



## Assurance Panel Summary

### Scheme Details

<b>Project Name</b>	D0016 NFM Conisbrough and Tickhill	<b>Type of funding</b>	Capital Grant
<b>Grant Recipient</b>	DMBC	<b>Total Scheme Cost</b>	£4m
<b>MCA Executive Board</b>	Housing and Infrastructure	<b>MCA Funding</b>	£0.4m
<b>Programme name</b>	Gainshare	<b>% MCA Allocation</b>	10%

### Part A - Appraisal Summary

Project Description			
The project would develop proposals and deliver construction of natural flood management (NFM) techniques along a brook prone to high flood risk with nearby properties. MCA funds would apparently only pay for construction activities, although several pre-construction activities are listed in the proposal for MCA funding. These include stakeholder engagement, surveys and so on.			
Strategic Case			
<i>Scheme Rationale</i>	Flood relief schemes of this nature are generally classed as a public good and are a justifiable use of public funds. In addition, flood relief is a key aim of the SEP. The status of DEFRA funds needs to be clarified at the next stage.		
<i>Strategic policy fit</i>	See Annex 1		
<i>Options assessment</i>	More work is needed to show why the preferred option is the best. Currently the SBC provides a high level assessment of options which pits a do nothing scenario (clearly unrealistic given the risk and recent history), against working with partners to raise hard barriers (viable alternative) and the preferred option which focuses on natural flood management. The scope and extent of the NFM option will be developed during the detailed design stage and design options will be assessed further. This will need to be presented in the Business Justification Case.		
<i>Statutory requirements and adverse consequences</i>	No detail has as yet been presented but the application does state that all statutory requirement will be met by April 2022		
Value for Money			
Core monetised Benefits	To be developed at OBC stage	Non-monetised and wider economic benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tree planting</li> <li>- Improved farming efficiency</li> <li>- Residential properties protected against flood</li> <li>- Business properties protected</li> <li>- Higher employment</li> </ul>
No benefits have been monetised. This detail would be needed for future progress of the proposal.		The above benefits could be monetised, and this will be important in order to assess value for money of progressing the scheme.	
Value for Money Statement			

This cannot be fully assessed at this stage. However, the project will protect 48 homes and other infrastructure. The cost of flooding in recent years does provide a sharp focus for assessing the benefits of this project.
<b>Risk</b>
The top five risks have been set out in the SBC with some mitigation provided. Given the complexity of flood relief projects, more detail will be expected at the next stage including costing and detailed mitigation. Match funding is said to be available, but more info is needed as to whether this is dedicated to this scheme and what it includes. More information is needed with regards to the procurement strategy and the risks associated with this.
<b>Delivery</b>
The delivery timetable seems reasonable at this stage. The applicant should be encouraged to explore opportunities to acceleration. Procurement seems well advanced with DLO doing the work between August 2022 and March 2023. Cost certainty is high for this stage (60%) and it is unclear what is driving such optimism. Even though the project has high level backing at DMBC, the application is unsigned and SRO has not been specified.
<b>Legal</b>
N/A

## 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	<b>A</b>	The project will not necessarily deliver high value jobs.
	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	<b>G</b>	An aspect of this is business survival through reducing flood risk.
	3. stimulating local economies by investing in the infrastructure, transport and digital capabilities to create jobs and transform places	<b>G</b>	Reduced flood risk will stimulate greater investment and be beneficial overall for the local economy.
<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	<b>G</b>	The NFM method will provide multiple ecosystem service benefits beyond the core aim of reducing flood risk.

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	<b>A</b>	NFM is an increasingly recognised approach for flood management. Delivering an NFM scheme can benefit from and contribute to the knowledge base of this technique.
	6. revolutionising transport, getting South Yorkshire moving by foot, bike, bus, tram and train	<b>R</b>	The scheme maintains the status quo before flooding – ensuring transport links keep open, but not “revolutionising” them
<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>	<b>G</b>	Lower flood risk will provide greater community resilience.
	7. raising quality of life, reducing inequality, and widening opportunity for South Yorkshire people		
	8. equipping people to contribute to and benefit from economic prosperity	<b>G</b>	Lower flood risk will provide greater community resilience.
	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	<b>G</b>	Lower flood risk will provide greater community resilience.

## Part B - Recommendation and Conditions

<b>Recommendation</b>	Proceed to OBC
<b>Payment Basis</b>	N/A
<b>Conditions of Award (including clawback clauses)</b>	
<p><b><i>The following conditions must be satisfied before contract execution.</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clarity on cost and match funding details, with cost plan.</li> <li>2. Completed QRA from the MCA's perspective, with p50 costs and mitigation measures and responsibility for cost overrun identified.</li> <li>3. Full CB analysis of all options considered and why preferred option is the best vfm, considering wider impacts</li> <li>4. Revenue implications of preferred option</li> <li>5. Evidence locals support details of preferred option</li> <li>6. Organogram</li> <li>7. DoF/CEO sign-off</li> </ol> <p><b><i>The following conditions must be satisfied before drawdown of funding.</i></b></p> <p><b>The following conditions must be included in the contract</b></p>	



**Part C - Approvals**

<b>Record of Recommendation, Endorsement and Approval</b>					
<b>Project Name</b>					
<b>Appraisal Panel Recommendation</b>		<b>Board Endorsement</b>		<b>MCA Approval</b>	
<b>Date of Meeting</b>		<b>Date of Meeting</b>		<b>Date of Meeting</b>	
<b>Head of Paid Service or Delegate</b>	Ruth Adams Deputy CEX	<b>Endorsing Officer (Board Chair)</b>		<b>Approving Officer (Chair)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Signature</b>		<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>		<b>Date</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>S73 Officer or Delegate</b>	Gareth Sutton Finance Manager	<b>Statutory Finance Officer Approval</b>			
<b>Signature</b>					
<b>Date</b>					
<b>Monitoring Officer or Delegate</b>	Steve Davenport SCR CA Solicitor				
<b>Signature</b>					
<b>Date</b>					
		<b>Name:</b>			
		<b>Signature:</b>			
		<b>Date:</b>			