

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD (Non Key)

The following decision was taken on 03/07/2019 by the Director of Regeneration and Development Services, Place

1. **Title of Decision**

Lower Don Valley River Channel Maintenance Contribution

2. **Decision Taken**

To approve a contribution of up to £20,000 per year to the Environment Agency for planned river channel maintenance in Sheffield's lower Don valley from 2019 for a period of 5 years.

3. **Reasons For The Decision**

The City Council plans to make this financial contribution as part of its ongoing flood protection project work and as a riparian owner in the lower Don Valley.

4. **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

None

5. **Documents Used In Making Decision:**

None

6. **Any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Officer when making the decision**

None

6.1 **Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service**

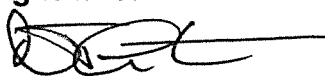
None

7. **Respective Director Responsible for implementation**

Director of Regeneration and Development Services, Place

8. **Decision Taker's Signature:**

Date: 1/7/2019



Print Name:

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DIRECTOR - CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT





## Executive Director/Director Non-Key Executive Decision Report

**Author/Lead Officer of Report:**

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**Report to:** Edward Highfield,  
Director of Regeneration and Development  
Services, Place

**Date of Decision:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

**Subject:** Lower Don Valley River Channel Maintenance  
Contribution

Which Cabinet Member Portfolio does this relate to?  
Environment, Streetscene and Climate Change

Which Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee does this relate to?  
Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken?      Yes       No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?      Yes       No

**Purpose of Report:**

To approve the City Council's annual contribution to river channel maintenance in Sheffield's Lower Don Valley.

**Recommendations:**

To approve a contribution of up to £20,000 per year to the Environment Agency for planned river channel maintenance in Sheffield's lower Don valley from 2019 for a period of 5 years

**Background Papers:**

*(Insert details of any background papers used in the compilation of the report.)*

None

<b>Lead Officer to complete:-</b>	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: Paul Schofield, Finance and Commercial Services
	Legal: Not applicable
	Equalities: Not applicable
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	<b>Lead Officer Name:</b> James Fletcher
	<b>Job Title:</b> Flood and Water Manager
<b>Date:</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	

## **1. PROPOSAL**

- 1.1 The City Council, as a riparian owner, proposes to contribute up to a sum of £20,000 per year to river channel maintenance work procured by the Environment Agency as the authority for main rivers within the city
- 1.2 The work is planned to commence in July 2019 for a 5 year period.

## **2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE ?**

- 2.1 Carrying out regular river channel maintenance within the lower Don valley will keep the river free flowing reducing the risk of flooding due to blockage.
- 2.2 The removal of invasive vegetation as part of the channel maintenance work will improve the river environment by:
  - a. promoting biodiversity by encouraging the growth of native plant species;
  - b. allowing native wildlife to thrive;
  - c. creating a more visually attractive river.

## **3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?**

- 3.1 The Environment Agency and the City Council have jointly consulted riparian owners in the lower Don valley as part of arrangements for the Environment Agency procuring and managing river channel maintenance work.

## **4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION**

### **4.1 Financial and Commercial Implications**

The City Council has arranged for its contribution towards the work up to a sum of £20,000 per year as part of its ongoing Flood Protection Project across the city. This sum will be sourced from the Flood and Water Management revenue budget which has the capacity to fund this commitment at the current time. Any future pressures will have to be managed and rank secondary to discharging this commitment.

### **4.2 Legal Implications**

There are no direct legal implications resulting from the decision to make this contribution.

## **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

## **6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The City Council plans to make this financial contribution as part of its ongoing flood protection project work and as a riparian owner in the lower Don Valley.