

Agenda Item; Flood Risk Assessment Submitted by; Cllr Monkman
Purpose of the Report To update the committee and request a further £10,000 (to add to the £10,000 already earmarked for Flooding) from the precept for a Flood Risk Assessment for the Town.
Background Information It was agreed that I would report back to the Council in November on the position of the Belper Flood Watch Scheme. I have spent the last 3 years talking all things flooding with other Councils and Agencies. Comparatively speaking the Belper Flood Watch Scheme is healthy and we are well placed to prepare, support, and respond in the incident of a flood. We successfully secured a grant from DCC for kit and that is in the process of being ordered and Wardens will be DBS checked and trained. However, the area that we are lacking is in a risk assessment for the Town. Bakewell Council have a position statement which was created by the Environment Agency and DCC. I have repeatedly asked for one for Belper but the answer is that they no longer provide this service. I have made initial enquiries and for circa £20,000 we can have a Flood Risk Assessment completed for Belper and Milford. The Flood Risk Assessment would complement the Belper Neighbourhood Plan and Corporate Plan. This is an investment for our Town and approval is sought to proceed.
Legislation N/A
Accessibility Implications N/A
Climate Emergency Implications The scheme is in response to the changing climate.
Financial Implications £10,000 to add to the current £10,000 in ear marked reserves.
Recommendation(s) That we add £10,000 to our precept for 2023-2024 to add to the £10,000 currently ear marked for flooding. This will be to invest in a Flood Risk Assessment for Belper and Milford.
Reasons for recommendation(s) As Lead Flood Warden I was asked to report back, by November 2022, on the position of our flood response. Our scheme is healthy however our Town and residents would benefit from a Flood Risk Assessment.