

# Community & Environment Scrutiny Panel Flood Risk Briefing

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# Flood Resilience Programme Highlights

- Increased resilience to 962 properties
- Consolidation of 42 individual schemes into 8 localised Flood Alleviation Schemes and 1 Borough Wide Scheme
- Consolidating Procurement (Modelling, Design, Construction)
- Pooling of Benefits to Reduce Overall Funding Gap
- Phased Approach to FAS Delivery over next six financial years



# Background



### Context

#### 2019

- 811 houses flooded
- Many residents evacuated
- Extensive road closures
- Significant impact to local businesses
  - "...the financial and emotional costs of both the immediate impact and long-term consequences has been huge"
  - Section 19 Flood Investigation





### **Lead Local Flood Authority**

- We have a statutory duty for coordination and management of local flood risk
- Action taken with Risk Management Authorities, e.g. the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, internal drainage boards
- 57 schemes were proposed in the Section 19 investigation
- The 42 schemes judged to be most viable have now been streamlined into 8 FAS

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### Context

### **'Source to Sea' Approach**

### **Partnership Funding Ethos**

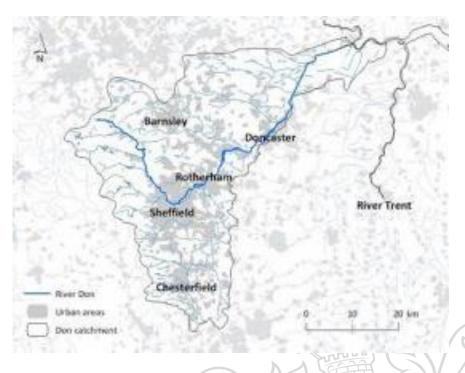
- Maximising potential investment into schemes by seeking funding from national, regional and local sources
- Investment from the council's budget will be only sought where all other viable sources of funding have been utilised and a shortfall still exists

### Other LLFAs Approach

- To endorse the partnership approach, Nottingham City Council contributed £200,000 from corporate reserves to a £5m Flood Alleviation Scheme.
- Birmingham City Council contributes 5% to all Flood Alleviation Schemes from corporate reserves.





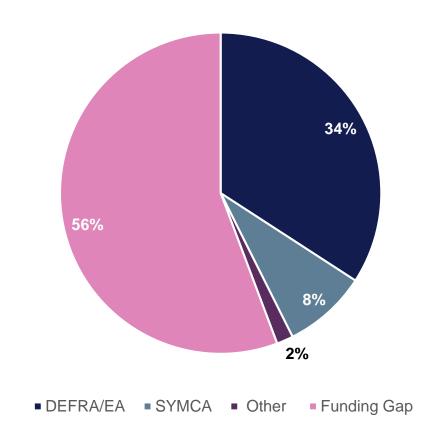


- Launch of South Yorkshire Catchment Partnership highlights increasingly regional, joint-up approach to flood risk management
- This programme is a crucial resilience building first phase that will allow the council to proceed with confidence to further, wider initiatives with local and regional stakeholders along the whole of the Don Catchment

# Current Funding Picture



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### Partnership Funding Approach: National, Regional & Local Sources

- Total of £6.7m in external funding allocated to the programme
- £3m GiA/Local Levy currently allocated through Environment Agency
- £2 million secured from DEFRA's Innovation Fund for sustainable drainage schemes in Scawthorpe and Clay Lane
- £1.7 million secured from SYMCA through Gainshare for seven schemes across four FAS
- Leaves a funding gap of £8.8m

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# Frank Road / Hunt Lane Bentley

A high profile example of a scheme, its current state of funding, and a plan for its completion



## Frank Road, Bentley

### **Scheme Context and Proposal**

- 524 properties in Bentley south were flooded during November 2019.
- The Section 19 Investigation highlighted the reconfiguration of the Flood defences at Frank Road & Hunt Lane as a potential option to increase protection.
- The proposed scheme increases storage volumes within the Bentley Flood Corridor, by making use of the adjacent recreation ground and within Bentley Ings.
- Allowing this area to flood will compensate for water that would otherwise be held in Frank Road.
- This scheme will increase protection to all properties within this area of Bentley.



## Frank Road & Hunt Lane, Bentley

### **Funding Picture to Date**

Scheme Costs	£	7,500,000
Grant-in-Aid (EA)	£	65,000
DMBC Capital	£	-
Gain Share (SYMCA)	£	1,000,000
Total Funding	£	1,065,000
Funding Gap	£	6,435,000

- Frontloading of £65,000 obtained from EA for study and £1m from SYMCA (Gain Share)
- Potential to obtain additional funds through Partnership Funding Calculator will be explored as full modelling results are expected Dec 2022.



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## Key Main River Schemes

### **Current Funding Picture**

	1a: Bentley FAS	1b: Bentley Frank Road	2: Fishlake	3: Conis- broug h	4: Tickhill	Totals
Scheme Costs	£4m	£4.5m	£1m	£500k	£600k	£10.6m
Funding Gap	£4m	£3.4m	£900k	£60k	£200k	£8.5k
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- These key riverbank schemes represent comprehensive protection and resilience building for Doncaster's worst-affected communities in the floods of November 2019
- Protecting these areas means protecting 77% of targeted properties under our programme
- Significant self-funding is required to complete schemes at Bentley and Fishlake because EA funding cannot be attained here
- At Fishlake the EA have already investment £3mn since 2019, and the Bentley schemes have overlapping benefits so cannot both attract EA funding
- The recent February 2022 flooding event indicates that despite such previous work, more is needed to provide resilience to communities in Fishlake and Bentley



## **Options**

### **Full Scheme List**

- All 42 schemes are require funding across the 8 FAS and the borough wide scheme.
- Only 6 Schemes fully funded.
- Residents and businesses across the borough need the assurances that the council has worked to the best of its ability to prevent a future flood event having the devastating effect of 2019.
- Financial investment is even more important in light of the effects of climate change on the frequency and severity of flooding events since the 2019 flood.



# Summary

- The devastating 2019 floods has refocused our priorities on managing the significant flood risk our communities face.
- We have a statutory duty to develop a robust pipeline of Flood Alleviation Schemes.
- Overall Funding Gap for the Recovery Programme of £8.8m.
- The delivery of this ambitious programme is consistent with the aspirations set out in the Local Plan and the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

# Questions?