

Meeting of:	<b>Cabinet</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Monday, 21 October 2019</b>
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Homes and Safe Communities
Report Title:	Channel View, Marcross Cesspool Replacement - Options Appraisal
Purpose of Report:	To advise Cabinet of the outcome of the Channel View, Marcross Cesspool Options Appraisal and refer Cabinet to the Part II report outlining the financial details associated with the scheme
Report Owner:	Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services
Responsible Officer:	Miles Punter - Director of Environment and Housing Services
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	<p>Elected Members consulted</p> <p>Officers consulted - Senior Lawyer</p> <p>Councillor R T Davies</p> <p>Councillor G Kemp</p> <p>Councillor G John</p> <p>Councillor S Hanks</p> <p>Councillor E Williams</p> <p>Councillor J Norman</p>
Policy Framework:	This report is within the policy framework and budget and is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet.

Executive Summary:

- This report advises of progress with the options appraisal for the sewerage treatment at properties in Channel View, Marcross.
- The options appraisal has identified a number of options for the future treatment of foul water from properties at Channel View, Marcross and these are detailed in a Part II report later on this agenda.

## **Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet notes the contents of the report, with the view to approving the preferred replacement options for the cesspool at Channel View, Marcross within the Part II report later on this agenda.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

1. To advise of the current position with the Marcross Cesspool options appraisal process and to make progress in relation to the same.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 In 2015 Cabinet considered a report (C2917) highlighting a number of issues relating to the management and costs associated with various cesspools which had been the source of pollution incidents resulting from the failure of residents to arrange regular emptying.
- 1.2 In 2017 a further report (C181) was considered by Cabinet in relation to the Channel View, Marcross cesspool installation and delegated authority was granted to the Director of Environment and Housing to undertake an options appraisal and viability study in relation to the Channel View Cesspool.
- 1.3 The cesspool installation currently serving 1-10 Channel View, Marcross provides sewerage facilities to 7 privately owned homes and 3 Council Homes.
- 1.4 The current private owners of former Council properties have an obligation to contribute to the maintenance and operational costs for the drainage serving their property including regular cesspool emptying.
- 1.5 At present the private residents feel the charges are high and after engaging with an outside contractor, it is estimated savings could be made on their annual maintenance and emptying bills if an alternative solution could be found.

## **2. Key Issues for Consideration**

- 2.1 Further to the 2017 Cabinet report (C181) providing delegation to the Director of Environment and Housing to undertake an options appraisal and viability study, the Housing and Building Services Team are now in receipt of an external consultant's study of the issues and potential solutions/options for the sewerage at Channel View. This study includes a condition survey of the current

installation and provides an options appraisal and viability study report with recommendations for alternative sewerage installation.

- 2.2 As part of the assessment consideration has been given to the impact on the private home owners and the impact on the Housing retained properties.
- 2.3 Details of the Channel View, Marcross Cesspool options appraisal and viability study outcomes are set out in the Part II report later on this agenda.

### **3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?**

- 3.1 As a result of designing, procuring and delivering the alternative sewerage system at Channel View Marcross the solution will be a cost effective, sustainable installation, compliant with NRW over the longer term and into the foreseeable future.
- 3.2 The preferred solution for the sewerage treatment installation will be procured and installed in consultation with our regulatory and in-house partners as well as the residents of Channel View thereby providing an integrated approach.
- 3.3 The residents of Channel View will be involved in the decision making process via consultation regarding the preferred alternative sewerage installation at 1-10 Channel View Marcross.
- 3.4 Understanding the root causes of issues and preventing them - As a result of contracting a competent consultant to liaise/undertake the Options appraisal and viability study, has ensured a legislatively compliant, economical and value for money proposal at 1-10 Channel View, Marcross.
- 3.5 This proposal will meet:  
Well-being Outcome 1: An inclusive and safe Vale  
Objective 2: Providing decent homes and safe communities  
Action: Increase the number of sustainable, affordable homes. (2019/20)

### **4. Resources and Legal Considerations**

#### **Financial**

- 4.1 Full financial details are addressed in the Part II Report included on this Agenda.

## **Employment**

**4.2** There are no other resource issues to report

## **Legal (Including Equalities)**

**4.3** Full legal details will be addressed in the Part II Report included on this Agenda.

**4.4** In terms of equalities, there will be limited training opportunities as part of this exercise.

## **5. Background Papers**

None.