

# TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Report to:</b>	Audit Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 December 2014
<b>Subject:</b>	Flood Grant Audit
<b>Report of:</b>	Val Garside, Environmental and Housing Services
<b>Corporate Lead:</b>	Rachel North, Deputy Chief Executive
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Councillor J R Mason
<b>Number of Appendices:</b>	Two

## **Executive Summary:**

A review of flood grants was completed in May 2014 and a series of recommendations made. This report summarises the progress against each of these.

## **Recommendation:**

**To CONSIDER the progress which has been made in relation to the recommendations arising from the flood grant audit.**

## **Reasons for Recommendation:**

The audit identified a number of controls and actions that needed to be implemented.

## **Resource Implications:**

None specific to this report.

## **Legal Implications:**

As set out in this report.

## **Risk Management Implications:**

Where fraud or error has been identified then the internal control environment should be reviewed to mitigate the fraud or error reoccurring.

## **Performance Management Follow-up:**

The audit identified that reports on progress and financial standing on each flood project were, and should continue to be, reported to the Flood Risk Management Group. This Group in turn reports on progress to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **Environmental Implications:**

None arising directly from this report.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

**1.1** A review of flood grants for capital improvements was completed in May 2014 and a series

of recommendations made. The audit report is attached at Appendix 1.

## **2.0 PROGRESS AGAINST RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM FLOOD GRANT AUDIT**

**2.1** All issues identified within the audit have been actioned, as set out at Appendix 2, with the exception of recommendation 1, 'grant terms and conditions should be formalised between Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council'. With regard to this action, the suggestions made by Tewkesbury Borough Council are now being rolled out to all other Districts in Gloucestershire and the subsequent agreement is in the process of being finalised by all. It is hoped to have this complete by the end of the month.

## **3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

**3.1** None

## **4.0 CONSULTATION**

**4.1** None

## **5.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES**

**5.1** Anti-fraud and Corruption Policy

## **6.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

**6.1** None

## **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)**

**7.1** None

## **8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/ Environment)**

**8.1** None

## **9.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)**

**9.1** Flood grants provide good value for money for the residents of the Borough as they provide a method for providing or improving local schemes.

## **10.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS**

**10.1** None

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**Background Papers:** None

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**Appendices:** Appendix 1 - Flood Grant Audit Report (including Appendices A and B)  
Appendix 2 – Progress Against Recommendations Arising from the Flood Grant Audit