

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting15th May 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Flood Support - Repair & Renew Grant Scheme

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Flood Support – Repair and Renewal Grant Scheme.

The Government had made available “Repair and Renew” grants of up to £5,000 for the owners of premises that were affected by the December 2013 tidal surge floods. The grants were to establish flood resilience measures to reduce the risk of future flooding and/or minimise the impact of future flooding. The grants were intended to fund measures over and above repairs that would normally be covered by insurance. Local authorities wishing to award grants were required to develop and administer their own schemes within government guidance. The report outlined a framework for the Council’s Repair and Renew Grant (RRG) scheme, including the general eligibility criteria and arrangements for awarding the grants. The scheme must be implemented quickly, as the grants must be paid and claimed back from Government within the 2014/2015 financial year.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The general eligibility conditions and arrangements for administering the Council’s Repair and Renew Grant scheme, which are in line with the Government’s criteria and described in the report be approved.

2. The final approval of the scheme be delegated to the Corporate Director of Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Approval of a Repair and Renew Grant scheme that will bring in Government funding to provide flood resilience/resistance measures for

homes and businesses that were flooded during the 5 December 2013 tidal surge incident.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Mrs McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Flood Support – Repair and Renewal Grant Scheme as a house owned by her son was flooded on 5th December 2013.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Flood Support – Repair and Renewal Grant Scheme as he was a member of Tristar Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Thursday, 22nd May 2014

Proper Officer
19 May 2014