

Agenda Item 7

For decision – S106 funds for a natural flood management project upstream of Wallbridge
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Summary

This report presents a project to deliver flood risk reduction upstream of Wallbridge through natural flood management; also known as working with natural processes.

The project has been discussed and developed by the Somerset Frome Partnership – of which FTC is a partner member - and is now at the stage of bidding for Section 106 funding currently held by Mendip District Council.

As the formalities of the process dictate, this bid will require formal approval from FTC by way of a Council Minute.

As such, this report recommends using S106 funding from the Southfield Farm development to support of this project; thereby enabling the Somerset Frome Partnership to progress the project bid.



[Appendix 5](#)

Details of the project are contained in [Appendix 5](#) which has been prepared by the Somerset Frome Partnership (SFP)

As mentioned, FTC is a partner member of the SFP; and we have been involved in the discussions that have shaped the project so far.

As such, this report is simply one to present the SFP project proposal and funding bid; and to secure the necessary (Town) Council Minute to enable the SFP to submit the funding bid to the District Council.

Notes

- The funding that has been identified is the S106 agreement that came from the Southfield Farm development
 - MDC Planning reference: 2013/1635
- There are no other (competing) projects being suggested or progressed by FTC that would use or rely on this funding
- The Friends of the River Frome's new strategy for the river includes the aim of developing a natural flood management strategy
- As such, this project could help inform and headline this strategy
- Slightly oddly too, this project could be an early and tangible outcome for the strategy; delivered concurrent to the strategy being written

Recommendation

Approve the use of the S106 funds from Southfield Farm for the project as described by the Somerset Frome Partnership