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Report to:	<b>Enterprise Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>1 September 2010</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek approval for the Council to agree to Commissioning Conditions and subsequent associated commissioning Agreements relative to the delivery of the Metropolitan Glasgow Executable Drainage Plan by the Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership (the MGSDP) by entering into a Deed of Declaration
- ◆ Amend the Scheme of Delegation to allow the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) to sign the Commissioning Agreements which will be entered into by the Council for individual projects to be carried out by MGSDP

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Council agree to the Commissioning Conditions by entering into a Deed of Declaration with the other members of MGSD
- (2) that the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) be authorised to sign the Commissioning Agreements to be entered into with the relevant members of the MGSDP in terms of the Commissioning Conditions.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. In July 2002 the Glasgow Area suffered severe flooding due to a heavy rainfall which was estimated to be a 1 in 100 year storm. Numerous properties were flooded by water contaminated with sewage causing considerable misery and distress and generating substantial repair bills.
- 3.2. From the outset it was clear that one of the major barriers to progress was inadequate water supply and drainage infrastructure.
- 3.3. Responsibilities in relation to drainage infrastructure are divided between numerous parties including Scottish Water, Local Authorities, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and landowners.
- 3.4. The Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership (MGSDP) was established and is a collaboration responsible for delivering the proposed Metropolitan Glasgow Executable Drainage Plan, the tool by which sewerage and drainage infrastructure will be provided to the Metropolitan Glasgow area ("the Project").

- 3.5 The Drainage Plan encompasses the catchment areas served by the Dalmuir, Dalmarnock, Daldowie and Shieldhall Waste Water treatment Works. Together these catchment areas serve over one million people and include parts of South Lanarkshire (Rutherglen, Cambuslang, Blantyre and Hamilton), North Lanarkshire, East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire as well as Glasgow City.
- 3.6 The Partnership is currently made up of Glasgow City Council, Scottish Water, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company and South Lanarkshire Council.
- 3.7 It is expected that North Lanarkshire, East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire will join in due course.

#### **4. Deed of Declaration and Commissioning Conditions**

- 4.1 In order for the MGSDP to deliver the Project, a number of Consultants will be required to carry out investigative work into and provide advice on the implementation and delivery of the Project.
- 4.2 Several members of the MGSDP shall have responsibility for commissioning Consultants and paying Consultants' Fees in respect of specific pieces of work. Other members of the MGSDP shall be obliged to contribute towards payment of the Consultants' Fees. The members of the MGSDP have agreed to terms of the Commissioning Conditions which set out the arrangements by which the individual pieces of work forming part of the Project will be commissioned and managed across the MGSDP and the manner in which the parties shall contribute towards payment of Consultants' Fees. The Commissioning Conditions will apply to each Contribution Agreement entered into for each individual project.
- 4.3 A Deed of Declaration will be entered into by the members of the MGSDP to formalise their agreement of the Commissioning Conditions and the template Contribution Agreement to be entered into for each individual project by the relevant members of the MGSDP.
- 4.4 The Head of Roads and Transportation Services will be required to sign off each Contribution Agreement to which the Council is to be a party to.
- 4.5 This Deed is fundamental to integrated surface water management and will also be a significant step towards the Council and the other members of the MGSDP meeting their obligations under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009.
- 4.6 The Deed is seen as a framework within which projects can be developed / delivered on a Partnership basis.
- 4.7 There are no specific projects proposed within South Lanarkshire and therefore the Council is not paying Consultants' Fees at present.

#### **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. None.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1. None at present.

## **7. Other Implications**

7.1. There is a risk if these proposals are not taken forward of increased instances of flooding in the local area. There are no significant issues regarding sustainability in terms of this report.

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required. Legal Services have been fully consulted on the partnership arrangement.

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### **Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values**

- ◆ Improve the quality of the physical environment
- ◆ Improve the road network and public transport
- ◆ Improve the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire
- ◆ Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for growth, improving skills and employability
- ◆ Working with and respecting others

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Enterprise Resources Committee – 2 July 2008

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Deed of Declaration and Commissioning Arrangements

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact: -

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