

**MOTION TO EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL**  
**29 August 2023**

**Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme (MFPS) – Note of Progress and Request for Information**

1. East Lothian Council notes:
  - a) The recent exhibition event as part of the MFPS consultation, which was attended by almost 1000 people, and has generated a large amount of written and verbal feedback which is still being worked through by the Project Team;
  - b) That there is significant concern among some of the community, in Musselburgh and in the wider area, about the scale, cost and environmental impact of the scheme;
  - c) That Councillors have an important role to play in listening to constituents and applying scrutiny to the proposals; equally, Councillors have a responsibility to ensure we have sought out all relevant information and are making decisions on an informed basis;
  - d) That the design as presented in June was a draft which is still in progress, and that the final outline design will be presented to Council in January 2024 to be debated and voted on.
  
2. East Lothian Council requests that the following reports be brought to a full Council meeting at the earliest opportunity, to allow Members to read, debate and note their contents:
  - a) The scientific report from the Eddeleston Water site visit to explore Natural Flood management
  - b) The report from Dynamic Coast on expected changes to the coastline in the future.
  
3. And that the following points be included in the papers published ahead of the January meeting which will vote on the Scheme:
  - a) Full flood maps of the extent of the flood scenarios chosen for the Scheme as presented at that time;
  - b) To the extent that these are available to the Council and can be shared, the Council would like EIA submissions from groups with expertise in the ecology of the area. For example, this might include the RSPB, the Seabird Centre, Restoration Forth, and the Scottish Wildlife Trust.

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