

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Environment, Amenities and Infrastructure committee
Meeting date	17th November 2025
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Agenda item	8

Cemetery & Outdoor Services Manager's report – Flood Container – Chilton Close

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek approval of a proposal to facilitate the installation of a container for use by a resident flood group in Chilton Close

2. Summary

- 2.1 Using Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) funding, purchasing a container and associated flood mitigation equipment for an OCC supported project by residents of in Appleford Drive and Chilton Close.
Providing a location to site container on Town Council land at Chilton Close.
Providing technical services of the Outdoor Services Team (OST) for groundworks and maintenance.

3. Action required

- 3.1 Resolution to permit the siting of the shipping container to the right of the access gate in Chilton Close Park and the procurement of equipment using funding from the OCC on behalf of the volunteer flood group.

4. Link to strategic plan and objectives

- 4.1 The contents of this report support the council's four key objectives.

5. Background

- 5.1 The Town Council has been approached by a resident's flood group in Appleford Drive and Chilton Close areas who are working with the County Council Flood Mitigation Officer and the EA to alleviate flooding of properties. The County Council have offered to provide funding for a container and associated equipment to be sited on Town Council land at Chilton Close.

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6. **Key information and options**

- 6.1 The request is similar to that of residents at Chaunterell Way, where the town council installed a shipping container and supplied equipment. This equipment and container is to be funded by the County Council, with groundworks and labour carried out by the town council's Outdoor Services Team. Hedging plants will also be funded for screening. The proposed site was suggested by the COSM following this request. The location is preferred as it requires no modifications to site infrastructure, removal of trees and does not interfere with use of the field.

7. **Climate change/green implications**

- 7.1 The siting of a container will have little climate impact although introducing hedging will further increase habitat and carbon uptake. The request for a shipping container and equipment is a direct response to climate change.

8. **Financial/budget implications**

- 8.1 Whilst the proposed project is to be funded by OCC, some officer time will be necessary.

9. **HR implications**

- 9.1 This project can be completed within current staffing capacity.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

None