

## **Comments from Mr Andrew Innes CC**

**Cabinet Meeting 15 July 2025**

### **Agenda Item 9 – Leicestershire County Council's Approach to Flooding**

With the additional money being allocated to support flooding protection I would like to inform the cabinet of the following :-

In and around Melton we have several flood risks that would benefit from additional monies being spent on protection.

I had the opportunity to take a trip on the river Eye with Melton and Oakham Waterways Society, and they were showing me the extent of silting and bank vegetation encroachment, fallen trees and branches and various other blockages to the river. They are a voluntary organisation and are not able on their own to keep the river free from blockage. Rivers are our first line of defence against flooding as they ultimately take any excess water away. If we don't look after the rivers then the likelihood of flooding is increased.

There is also a statistic that says every £1 spent on a town river creates £7 for the local economy through greater leisure use.

With the additional monies being available it would be a great opportunity for Melton if some could be diverted to the Melton area.

Cllr Tilbury, I would welcome the opportunity to show you the considerable efforts that are being made on the river Eye that I think would benefit from our support in whatever way we can.

Thanks

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