



DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF PLANNING	PLANNING COMMITTEE	8 JUNE 2022	6
FLOODING, WATER MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS (SuDS) SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SCOPING)			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

On 14th October 2020 Planning Committee approved the Local Development Scheme 2020, which sets out a list of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which will be produced by officers, including a Flooding, Water Management and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) SPD.

It is proposed to produce an SPD for Flooding, Water Management and SuDS. The Fylde Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD would ensure that the integration of surface water and flood risk management measures will help to alleviate surface water, reduce flooding levels and ensure resilience to flooding and coastal change now and into the future. Detail on the specification of SuDS will be supplied, including the provision of long-term maintenance. The SPD will also provide appropriate guidance on how the water environment should be accounted for within planning applications.

The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD (Scoping) is appended to this report. It provides a suggested structure to the proposed SPD and includes consultation questions. This report seeks approval from members for the SPD (Scoping) to be put out for consultation for 4 weeks. This is in line with the Fylde – Council Statement of Community Involvement 2020 Section 4 Supplementary Planning Document Consultations and Regulation 12(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Flooding, Water Management and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping), attached at Appendix 1, be approved for public consultation.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On 14 October 2020, Planning Committee approved the LDS 2020 which states that the Council will commence work on a variety of different Supplementary Planning Documents. This includes the Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	✓
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	✓

REPORT

- Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) provide greater clarity as to the requirements of Local Plan policies for specific situations or types of development. SPDs may not make policy, but rather provide guidance on the application of the policies contained in the adopted Fylde Local Plan to 2032.
- The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD is proposed to be one of a selection of SPDs produced to support the policies of the recently adopted Local Plan (incorporating Partial Review). The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD is considered necessary for a number of reasons which include:
 - To reduce pollution and improve water quality.
 - To ensure that new development does not increase the risk of flooding either on a site or cumulatively elsewhere.
 - To ensure that development incorporates appropriate water management techniques which will improve the existing hydrological conditions and maximise the opportunities and benefits to enhance water quality and quantity, biodiversity and amenity.
 - To ensure long term management and maintenance of surface water assets.
 - To ensure comprehensive engagement with the Lead Local Flood Authority, the Environment Agency, other Local Planning Authorities and other interested bodies including the local community.
- The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD (Scoping) provides an introduction, a draft vision and identifies issues and draft objectives. Following a review of legislation and policy, it proposes that the SPD will contain sections on:
 - the flooding context of Fylde. This will provide an insight into the topological and hydrological conditions in the Borough. A comprehensive understanding of this situation is key to resolving current, and mitigating against, future issues.
 - detailed guidance on exception tests, sequential tests, and site-specific flood risk assessments (FRA's). Guidance will also be provided for householder applications in Flood Zones 2 and 3.
 - the importance of pre-application advice, with appropriate signposting to relevant information and guidance.
 - flood risk and mitigation measures.
 - detail on preventing pollution and enhancing water quality using appropriate mitigation measures.
 - clear guidance regarding the design and adoption of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). This will provide a greater degree of clarity over what the Council expect for the design of SuDS within development proposals, and how the Council expect them to be managed once development is complete.
- The consultation will run for 4 weeks from 9 June 2022 to 7 July 2022.
- Following the consultation, the responses will feed into the draft of the full SPD. A Sustainability Appraisal of the SPD will be carried out and the final version of the Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD will be presented to members prior to the final consultation on its content.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Contributions realised through Section 106 agreements will provide funds for flood risk management and coastal defences and sustainable drainage measures, subject to viability.
Legal	The SPD (Scoping) will undergo consultation in accordance with Regulation 12 (a) of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
Community Safety	The implementation of water management measures and SuDS within future development will reduce future flood risk within new developments, and reduce the risk of new development exacerbating surface water flood risk
Human Rights and Equalities	The provision of an efficient and healthy water supply.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD will help to reduce flooding and improve water quality and efficiency, thus promoting sustainable forms of development.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD will help to manage flood risk, particularly from surface water and help to improve and maintain water quality.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
N/A		

Attached documents:

Appendix 1: Fylde Flooding, Surface Water Management and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping)