

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	5 JANUARY 2021	5
REVIEW OF FLOODING/SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT IN FYLDE			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

The committee agreed that a member working group be established to review flood risk and surface water management. The first meeting of that group has taken place and the purpose of this report is for members to agree the terms of reference (objectives and methodology) and work plan of the working group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the committee agrees to the terms of reference and work plan of the flood risk and surface water management working group.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Environment Health and Housing Committee 3 November 2020 – Review of Flooding/Surface Water Management in Fylde

It was RESOLVED that a member working group be established, made up of Councillors Threlfall, Lloyd, Singleton, Dixon, Anthony and Mulholland, to review flood risk and surface water management.

Previous decisions listed in the above report

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

BACKGROUND

1. The committee at its last meeting agreed that a member working group be established to review flood risk and surface water management. The first meeting of that group has taken place and the purpose of this report is for members to agree the terms of reference and work plan of the working group.
2. The Objectives of the review proposed and agreed by members of the working group are:
 - a. To review the roles and responsibilities of the various organisations involved in the management of surface water in Fylde to ensure greater coordination and effectiveness of resources to reduce flooding in the future.
 - b. To ensure that arrangements for dealing and responding to emergency flood incidents in Fylde are robust and effective to provide reassurance to members, residents and landowners.
 - c. To understand how the Development Plan System, strategic flood risk assessments and planning decisions taken by Fylde Council impact on surface water management in the borough and make any observations or recommendations how the council as Local Planning Authority along with statutory consultees can improve the imposition, assessment, monitoring and enforcement of conditions to mitigate the impacts of flooding from new development.
3. The Methodology of the review proposed and agreed by members of the working group are:
 - a. Identify where we need to be to match best innovative practice in surface water management
 - b. Take evidence to identify where we are now in Fylde in comparison to that best innovative practice
 - c. Make recommendations on how we can get to where we need to be to reduce flooding and the impacts of it
4. The workplan of the review proposed and agreed by members of the working group is set out below in the table.

Meeting date	Stages/elements to be covered
Late November 2020	Agree scope and approach to conducting the review Understand the legislative background to surface water management. Understand the policy/strategy context to surface water management.
January 2021	Identify and map surface water infrastructure including all rivers/ streams/ brooks/ ditches/ dykes/ culverts/ pumping stations/ SUDS, etc. Identify known flooding issues/locations in Fylde. Meet with lead officers from Technical Services, Planning and Environmental Health at Fylde. Agree consultation and engagement format
February 2021	Meet/engage with residents/landowners/communities affected by flooding.
March 2021	Meet with each of the bodies and organisations involved in managing surface water in Fylde (LCC/EA/UU).
April 2021	Site visits to infrastructure assets, e.g. Dock Bridge pumping station, Park View overflow tank, Crematorium SuDS, River Ribble Trust exemplar site, etc.
May 2021	Summarise findings and draft conclusions and arrive at recommendations of the working group to committee.

5. The above is an indication only of the likely stages and further meetings of the working may be necessary to ensure the review fully covers the agreed objectives.
6. Further reports will be prepared and presented back to the Environment Health and Housing Committee during 2021 with the member working groups findings which will make recommendations for the future

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	No implications arising from this report.
Legal	No implications arising from this report.
Community Safety	No implications arising from this report.
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications arising from this report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising from this report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Agendas, Presentations and minutes of the working group	From November 2020	Democratic Services