



Item 7a

Question 2 from Mr Wright, received 27 February 2020

After the publication of the agenda for the 4 March 2020 Council meeting, but before the deadline for submission of questions, a question was received from a member of the public.

The question will be asked under agenda item 7.

*“Does FBC have an overall policy about flood risk relating to the impact of new housing developments on the wider community, eg what criteria is used to determine when expert advice from the likes of the Lancashire Local Flood Authority is ignored and who at FBC is ultimately accountable? And is that policy/criteria being reviewed or updated in the light of - the NPPF now requiring planning authorities to consider whether any cumulative impact of significant development in one area (for example, 1200+ new houses in Warton) could change the flood risk assessment for that area, particularly where the opportunities for mitigation are likely limited to overburdened watercourses; - recent local flood events and the certainty of more frequent flood events in the future?”*