

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 23 NOVEMBER 2016

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT AND THE ROLES OF KEY RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

Summary

1. Following extensive public engagement, the 2016/17 Scrutiny Work Programme was agreed by Council in May 2016. One of the Items was a request to look at the role of external partners in relation to flooding and representatives from Severn Trent Water Ltd and the Environment Agency, as key Risk Management Authorities, have been invited to attend to provide an overview of their respective roles.
2. The Panel will also receive the Annual Report on Flood Risk Management in Worcestershire from the County Council's Flood Risk & Highway Drainage Manager.

Background

3. The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA) created a new lead role for the County Council in managing flood risk, as reported to Cabinet on 1 July 2010. It also extended the powers of overview and scrutiny committees in Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA), to allow for the scrutiny of Risk Management Authorities as to the exercise of their flood and coastal erosion risk management functions.
4. An Annual Report has been produced which summarises the flood risk management activities and progress over the last 12 months of Worcestershire County Council (as LLFA), and the other Risk Management Authorities. This is attached as an Appendix.
5. In addition, representatives from the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water Ltd have been invited to provide the Panel with more information about the roles of these important Risk Management Authorities.

Purpose of the meeting

6. The Panel is asked to:
 - consider the information provided by external partners
 - consider and comment on the Annual Report
 - determine any comments or recommendations to Cabinet.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Annual Report

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of:
 - Agenda and Minutes of Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 25 November 2015
 - Agenda and Minutes of Cabinet on 1 July 2010

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