

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....14th July 2011

1. Title of Item/Report

Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the draft Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) Report. The PFRA had been produced to meet the statutory duties placed upon local authorities, to manage local flood risk and deliver the requirements of the Flood Risk Regulations 2009.

The PFRA was aimed at providing a strategic assessment of flood risk from local sources including surface water, groundwater, ordinary watercourses and canals. The Environment Agency continued to manage the flood response to main rivers. This report was a high level screening exercise using readily available data

It was explained that the report recorded past flood events and considered potential future flood events that may have a significant consequence on human health, economic activity and the environment including cultural heritage.

National methodology was used by the Environment Agency which was set out by Defra to identify indicative flood risk areas across England. Ten flood risk areas were identified in England, Stockton on Tees Borough Council did not have one of those 'significant' areas as defined by legislation and therefore would not be required to produce flood hazard maps, flood risk maps and flood risk management plans.

RESOLVED that

1. the response to the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 and that Stockton did not have any indicative flood risk areas as defined by legislation be noted.

2.the draft Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment for Stockton on Tees be agreed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

1. Stockton Borough Council had discharged the statutory duties in response to the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 by production of the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Report. As there were no 'indicative' flood risk areas in the Borough, there was no requirement to complete the flood hazard mapping, flood risk maps and flood risk management plan stages of the regulations.

2. The Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Report was a high level strategic document based on readily available information and was for the purpose of discharging the statutory duties under the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 which came about from the EC Floods Directive. Further, more detailed flood risk management work for Stockton, was to be carried out under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the associated statutory duties.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not later than Midnight on Friday 22 July 2011

Proper Officer  
18 July 2011