

Place Select Committee
Review of Flooding
Outline Scope

Scrutiny Chair: Councillor Brown	Contact details:
Scrutiny Officer: Graham Birtle	Contact details:
Departmental Link Officer: Simon Milner	Contact details:
Finance Link Officer:	Contact details:
Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?	
ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING A clean, green Stockton-on-Tees with appropriate housing provision: Improve resilience to extreme weather events. (Council Plan 2015-2018)	
What are the main issues and overall aim of this review?	
<p>The number and level of flooding incidents are increasingly of concern to residents. Climate change and urban design can exacerbate the risk of flooding (e.g. reduction in urban green space, increase in hard surfacing, increased density of development and, potentially, increased barriers to flood flows such as road embankments).</p> <p>Following the summer flooding of 2007 and the Pitt Review in 2008, the Flood and Water Management Act was introduced in 2010. The Act provided new statutory duties and powers to risk management authorities; local authorities, the Environment Agency and water and sewerage undertakers. Local Authorities became Lead Local Flood Authority's and as such Stockton Council has a statutory duty for managing local flood risk.</p>	
The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:	
<p>The Council's resilience in terms of resources to deal with highway drainage, gully cleansing etc. in comparison with recent years. General maintenance and asset replacement in SBC owned ordinary watercourses; risk of flooding relating to trash screen blockage and surface water flood risk mitigation.</p> <p>The Council's new statutory duty in relation to new development, the planning process, surface water discharge, sustainable drainage systems and resources.</p> <p>The Council's emergency response and capacity to deal with flooding incidents. Equipment and resources.</p>	
Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work?	
Cabinet, Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water Authority, Emergency Planning, Tees Valley Strategic Flood Risk Partnership.	

<p>Expected duration of review and key milestones:</p> <p>6 Months: May 2016 – November 2016</p>	
<p>What information do we need?</p> <p>Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.): Flood and Water Management Act 2010 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Strategic Flood Risk Assessment National Planning Policy Framework Operational Flood Plan</p>	
<p>Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)</p> <p>Environment Agency Northumbrian Water Authority JBA Consultants</p>	<p>What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?</p> <p>Role, responsibilities and Funding Role, responsibilities and AMP Asset Register</p>
<p>How will this information be gathered? (e.g. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)</p> <p>Reports, Scrutiny questioning sessions (meetings), site visit to Lustrum Beck FAS</p>	
<p>How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?</p> <p>Meetings</p>	
<p>How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:</p> <p>To provide cost effective reduction in flood risk in the Borough.</p>	

Project Plan

Key Task	Details/Activities	Date	Responsibility
Scoping of Review	Information gathering	April 2016	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	25.4.16	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Agree Project Plan	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	9.5.16	Select Committee
Publicity of Review	Press Briefing at start of review	?	Chair, Link Officer, Press Officer Scrutiny Officer
Obtaining Evidence		9.5.16 13.6.16 11.7.16 12.9.16	Select Committee
Members decide recommendations and findings	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	10.10.16	Select Committee
Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders	Circulation of Report	w/c 17.10.16	Scrutiny Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations	2.11.16	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Final Agreement of Report	Approval of final report by Committee	14.11.16	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Corporate Director
Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee	Consideration of report	29.11.16	Executive Scrutiny Committee
Report to Cabinet/Approving Body	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	1.12.16	Cabinet/ Approving Body