

Lancashire County Council

External Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 16th March, 2021 at 10.00 am in Teams Virtual Meeting - Teams

Agenda

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

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| No. | Item |
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| 1. | Apologies |
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| 2. | Constitution: Appointment of Deputy Chair |
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The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the appointment of County Councillor John Shedwick as Deputy Chair for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

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| 3. | Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests |
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Members are asked to consider any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests they may have to disclose to the meeting in relation to matters under consideration on the Agenda.

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| 4. | Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2021 | (Pages 1 - 6) |
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| 5. | Joint Draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021-2027 and Progress Report on Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness | (Pages 7 - 36) |
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| 6. | Chair's update |
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| 7. | Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21 | (Pages 37 - 42) |
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| 8. | Urgent Business |
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An item of urgent business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the Minutes, the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency. Wherever possible, the Chief Executive should be given advance warning of any Member's intention to raise a matter under this heading.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the External Scrutiny Committee will be held on Tuesday 13 April 2021 at 10am.

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Director of Corporate Services

Lancashire County Council

External Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th January, 2021 at 10.00 am in Skype Virtual Meeting

Present:

County Councillor Edward Nash PSC (Chair)

County Councillors

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| D Stansfield | S C Morris |
| I Brown | L Oades |
| C Crompton | G Oliver |
| T Martin | J Shedwick |

County Councillor Stuart Morris replaced County Councillor Joan Burrows permanently on the committee.

County Councillors Erica Lewis and Julia Berry attended the meeting in accordance with Standing Order D13(1).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillors Stephen Clarke and Peter Steen.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

County Councillor Erica Lewis declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 – Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness Progress Report, as she was a founder member of South Lancaster Flood Action Group.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 November 2020

Resolved: That the minutes from the meeting held on 17 November 2020, be confirmed as an accurate record.

5. Strengthening flood risk management and preparedness - progress report

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Rachel Crompton, Principal Flood Risk Officer; Marcus Leigh, Highways Service Manager (Infrastructure); and John Davies, Head of Service Highways.

The External Scrutiny Committee was presented with a progress report on the implementation of agreed actions following the recommendations of the Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness Task and Finish Group.

A number of comments and issues were raised by members and the following points were noted:

- Members were reassured that progress had been made over the last six months regarding the recommendations from the External Scrutiny Committee. Interviews would be taking place for a new post within the Flood Risk Management team dealing with data analysis and communication.
- Progress had also been made with key partners including Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council, on updating the Flood Risk Management Strategy for the wider Lancashire geographical area. The latest version was due to be released for consultation.
- The Flood Risk Management Team was overwhelmed at times with the number of requests for advice from local planning authorities. The team was currently reviewing available resources.
- On the matter of SuDs Schemes it was reported that the Flood Risk Management Team could only respond to what was offered by the developer. The county council had worked with United Utilities on producing a standard approach to evaluating SuDs proposals from developers regarding design, construction and maintenance.
- It was pointed out to the committee that United Utilities were not in a position to object to planning applications as they were not statutory consultees. The county council regularly engaged with United Utilities to see if they had any concerns or comments they would like the local authority to make on their behalf.
- It was noted that United Utilities had attended a meeting of the External Scrutiny Committee in April 2018 and this had been a successful meeting. It was suggested that representatives from United Utilities should attend a meeting of the committee once a year.
- It was noted that there had been a welcome increase in communication between Flood Action Groups and Lancashire County Council in terms of weather alerts. It was felt that Flood Action Groups should have the opportunity to engage with other partners especially the Making Space for Water Groups.
- It was felt that the management of water was fragmented and that a different approach was needed.

Resolved: That regular updates on progress be presented to the External Scrutiny Committee, subject to any restrictions made by Covid19 and local elections

4. Chair's update

The Chair, County Councillor Ed Nash, reminded members of the three themes which the External Scrutiny Committee would concentrate on:

- Carbon Reduction
- Universal Credit and Welfare
- Flood Risk Management

Regarding Universal Credit, the committee was informed that its recommendations which were formulated in February 2020 were presented to Cabinet in March 2020 and a formal written response was awaited.

An update on Universal Credit and the pandemic in Lancashire from the Welfare Rights Service perspective was presented under this item.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing; Jo Barker, Welfare Rights Service Manager; Andrea Smith, Public Health Specialist (Wider Determinants) Lancashire County Council; Rachel Whippy, Chief Officer Citizens Advice; and Jenny Duthie, Universal Credit Help to Claim Best Practice Lead, Citizens Advice. It was reported that there had been a significant impact by the pandemic across Lancashire in terms of the number of claims for Universal Credit that had been received. In particular there had been a marked increase in caseloads for vulnerable residents in Lancashire. The pandemic had a considerable impact on households in poverty and people with health related issues.

The Welfare Rights Team had recently revamped its website in line with its service offer. There was useful information on the website around challenging decisions for people of a pension age and for carers as well as benefits e-learning courses and information on Covid. A new email box had been established to take enquiries digitally from members of the public. The team was also making use of social media channels to share information. A staff duty line had also been created for county council staff so that they could have simple enquiries dealt with. The team was also looking at updating its information on the county council's intranet (internal) website.

A number of comments and issues were raised by members and the following were points noted:

- The committee expressed their admiration for the Welfare Rights Team and how valuable their work was. The committee offered its full support to the team.
- Concerns were raised over Universal Credit and sick pay. There had been some confusion during the pandemic about whether people could receive statutory sick pay or employment and support allowance or Universal Credit. It was pointed out that people on sick pay could claim Universal Credit. If people had to self-isolate or were vulnerable and unable to work, they could claim sick pay from day one. On the Covid pages of the Welfare Rights' website there were links to financial information. The website had also a link to an online benefit calculator. People could also contact the Welfare Rights Team or contact Citizens Advice for information.
- It was noted that Shared Lives Carers were treated as self-employed and that this was costing the county council more money.
- Members were informed that the extra costs to the local authority due to the impact of the pandemic varied across the county. The Welfare Rights Team needed more information on this from the services affected.

- The knowledge and experience of the Welfare Rights Team would be enhanced by working closely with the business intelligence team and other relevant county council services.
- It was stated that capacity had been a considerable issue during the pandemic and this had inhibited the progress of responding to the recommendations formulated by the External Scrutiny Committee in February 2020. It was suggested that County Councillor Gillian Oliver be reappointed as rapporteur by the committee to meet with officers from the Public Health Team to review relevant Council policy and in particular to discuss and answer the previous recommendations made by the External Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 25 February 2020.

Resolved: That;

1. County Councillor Gillian Oliver be reappointed as rapporteur on the matter of Universal Credit in Lancashire, tasked to meet with Officers from the Lancashire County Council Public Health Team to both review relevant Council policy and in particular to discuss and answer the previous recommendations made by the External Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 25 February 2020.
2. That County Councillor Oliver, together with the Public Health Team reports back to the External Scrutiny Committee as soon as is practicable.

6. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21

The External Scrutiny Committee was presented with a single combined work programme for all of the Lancashire County Council scrutiny committees.

Members were informed that if the elections went ahead in May then the External Scrutiny Committee might be unable to hold its meeting in April due to purdah. It was suggested that two additional meetings in February and March could be arranged if needed.

It was suggested that the committee continue to review the following three themes:

- Universal Credit.
- Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness.
- Decarbonisation.

Resolved: That the External Scrutiny Committee continue to review Universal Credit, strengthening flood risk management and preparedness and decarbonisation at forthcoming meetings.

7. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the External Scrutiny Committee would take place on Tuesday 13 April 2021 at 10.00am by means of a virtual meeting.

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External Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 16 March 2021

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| Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions); |
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Joint Draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021-2027 and Progress Report on Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness (Appendices A and B refer)

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Executive Summary

A presentation on the joint draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021-2027 will be delivered at the meeting. A copy of which is set out at appendix A. In addition, a progress report on the implementation of agreed actions following the recommendations of the Strengthening flood risk management and preparedness task and finish group report as adopted by the External Scrutiny Committee is also included at appendix 'B'.

Recommendation

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

1. Note the next steps planned for the Flood Risk Management Strategy and encourages all interested parties to contribute to the open consultation process via the survey.
2. Note and comment on the progress report on strengthening flood risk management and preparedness.

Background and Advice

Laura Makeating and Rachel Crompton, Principal Flood Risk Officers, Lancashire County Council will attend the meeting to give a presentation on the joint draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021-2027 and next steps (appendix A) as well as an update on progress made on the implementation of agreed actions following the recommendations of the Strengthening flood risk management and preparedness task and finish group report (appendix B).

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 designated Blackburn-with-Darwen Council, Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs). These councils have a range of powers, duties and

responsibilities and manage flood risk from 'local' sources which are surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses.

Under Section 9 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Lead Local Flood Authorities must produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy which is consistent with the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy and the LLFAs must publicly consult on their Draft Strategy.

The aim is to better protect and improve flood resilience for the people of Lancashire. The joint draft strategy sets out how the LLFAs will concentrate resources and efforts to improve understanding of local flood risks, whilst delivering schemes, and supporting businesses and communities. A copy of the joint draft strategy is available from the survey webpage¹. The consultation closes on Friday 19 March 2021.

The strategy and consultation are only intended to address local sources of flooding. The strategy is not concerned with managing flood risk from main rivers, coastal or sewerage sources, because these are covered by the Environment Agency's Plans and Assessments Framework and a national strategy.

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the next steps planned for the Flood Risk Management Strategy and encourage all interested parties to contribute to the open consultation process via the survey.

In addition to the presentation on the joint draft strategy, a progress report on the implementation of agreed actions following the recommendations of the Strengthening flood risk management and preparedness task and finish group report is set out at appendix B. The progress report sets out the current position since the last update on this matter was presented to the committee at its meeting held on 12 January 2021.

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the progress report on strengthening flood risk management and preparedness.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

¹ The survey is being undertaken by Infusion Research, part of Blackpool Council's Corporate Development Unit and is accessible from the following webpage until 19 March 2021:
<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=161289733744>

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

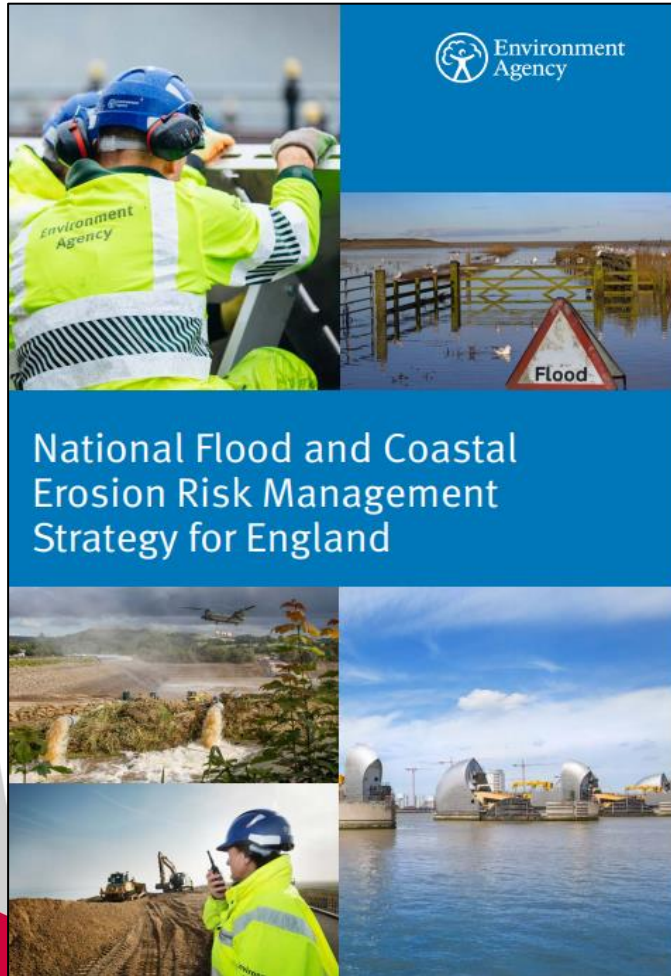
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Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021 - 2027

External Scrutiny – 16 March 2021

Laura Makeating
Principal Flood Risk Officer

Why do we need a Local FRM Strategy?



Section 9 of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010, states the LLFA:

- *Must* develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in its area...
- which *must* be consistent with the National FCERM Strategy...
- and we *must* consult the public and risk management authorities...
- We *must* produce a summary of the strategy....
- And we *may* issue guidance about the application of the strategy.

The new National FCERM Strategy was published in July 2020, so now it is time for us to refresh our Local FRM Strategy to ensure it is consistent with this.

What is a Local FRM Strategy?

Strategic level document which sets out how we intend to manage local flood risks across Lancashire until 2027.

Under Section 9 FWMA it must set out:

- The risk management authorities
- The flood and coastal erosion risk management functions exercised by those authorities
- Objectives for managing local flood risk and measures proposed to achieve those objectives
- How and when the measures are expected to be implemented
- The costs and benefits of those measures and how they are expected to be paid for
- The assessment of local flood risk for the purpose of the strategy
- How and when the strategy is to be reviewed
- How the strategy contributes to the achievement of wider environmental objectives

| Lancashire Local FRM Strategy Checklist | | |
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| Section 9 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 requires the LLFA to 'develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in its area' by:. | | |
| Part | Requirement | Summary of how this been achieved |
| 4 | (a) the risk management authorities in the authority's area | Section 2.4 states the RMA's in Lancashire |
| | (b) the flood and coastal erosion risk management functions that may be exercised by those authorities in relation to the area | Section 2.4 describes and explains the role of all RMAs in Lancashire |
| | (c) the objectives for managing local flood risk (including any objectives included in the authority's flood risk management plan prepared in accordance with the Flood Risk Regulations 2009) | Section 4 sets out six key 'themes' under which a number of objectives have been identified. The objectives are set out in the 'Business Plan'; each objective is SMART, and delivery will be monitored quarterly by the Lancashire FCERM Partnership |
| | (d) the measures proposed to achieve those objectives | Set out in the Business Plan, and by ensuring all objectives are SMART and are monitored quarterly by the Lancashire FCERM Partnership. |
| | (e) how and when the measures are expected to be implemented | Set out in the Business Plan, and by ensuring all objectives are SMART and are monitored quarterly by the Lancashire FCERM Partnership. |
| | (f) the costs and benefits of those measures, and how they are to be paid for | Outputs and outcomes of objectives are mapped in the business plan. How these will be paid for is also identified. |
| | (g) the assessment of local flood risk for the purpose of the strategy, | 'Understanding Our Risks and Challenges' section explains the types of flood risks experienced in Lancashire and how this is complicated by local challenges. Additionally there are 14 district profiles provided to provide more locally specific context. |
| | (h) how and when the strategy is to be reviewed, and | The Strategy will be in place for 6 years, from 2021 – 2027. A mid-term review will be carried out and completed by April 2024. A full review of the Strategy will then be completed at the end of its life, with a new Strategy published in 2027. |
| | (i) how the strategy contributes to the achievement of wider environmental objectives. | In producing the Strategy, Defra 25 Year Environment Plan, National FCERM Strategy, North West RFCC Business Plan and the recent Green Industrial Revolution have been considered. These documents all point to greater focus on and integration of flood risk management with other environmental objectives including improving water quality, providing amenity and health and wellbeing benefits, increasing biodiversity and habitat creation to contribute towards natural capital, and taking action to both mitigate the effects of and contribute towards tackling climate change. |
| 5 | The strategy must be consistent with the national flood and coastal erosion risk management strategy for England | The Strategy has identified six themes which sit under the National Strategy's three ambitions. How these translate across are set out in Section 1.3. |

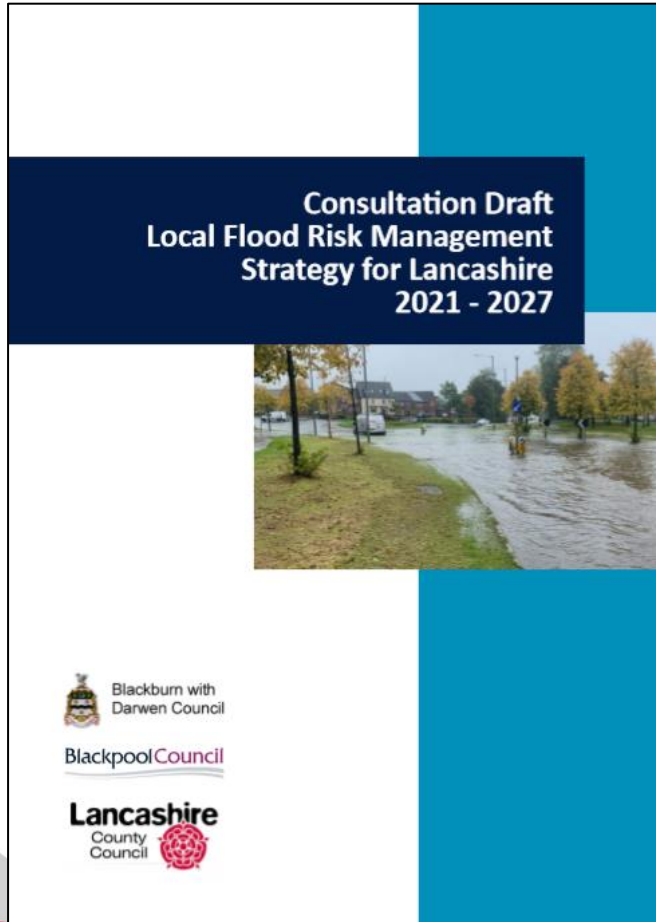
Overview

- 5 week public consultation
- Led by Blackpool Council on Survey Monkey

Sent to: All CCLrs, RFCC, Environment Agency, United Utilities, Local Planning Authorities, District Drainage Engineers, Highway colleagues, ASA, FLAGs, Wider Partners (Rivers Trusts etc)

Public: Website, social media, The Flood Hub, BBC Radio Lancashire, equality groups.

- Consultation feedback will need to be analyzed, changes made, HRA/SEA produced, Cabinet Member and then Full Council approval in late summer 2021



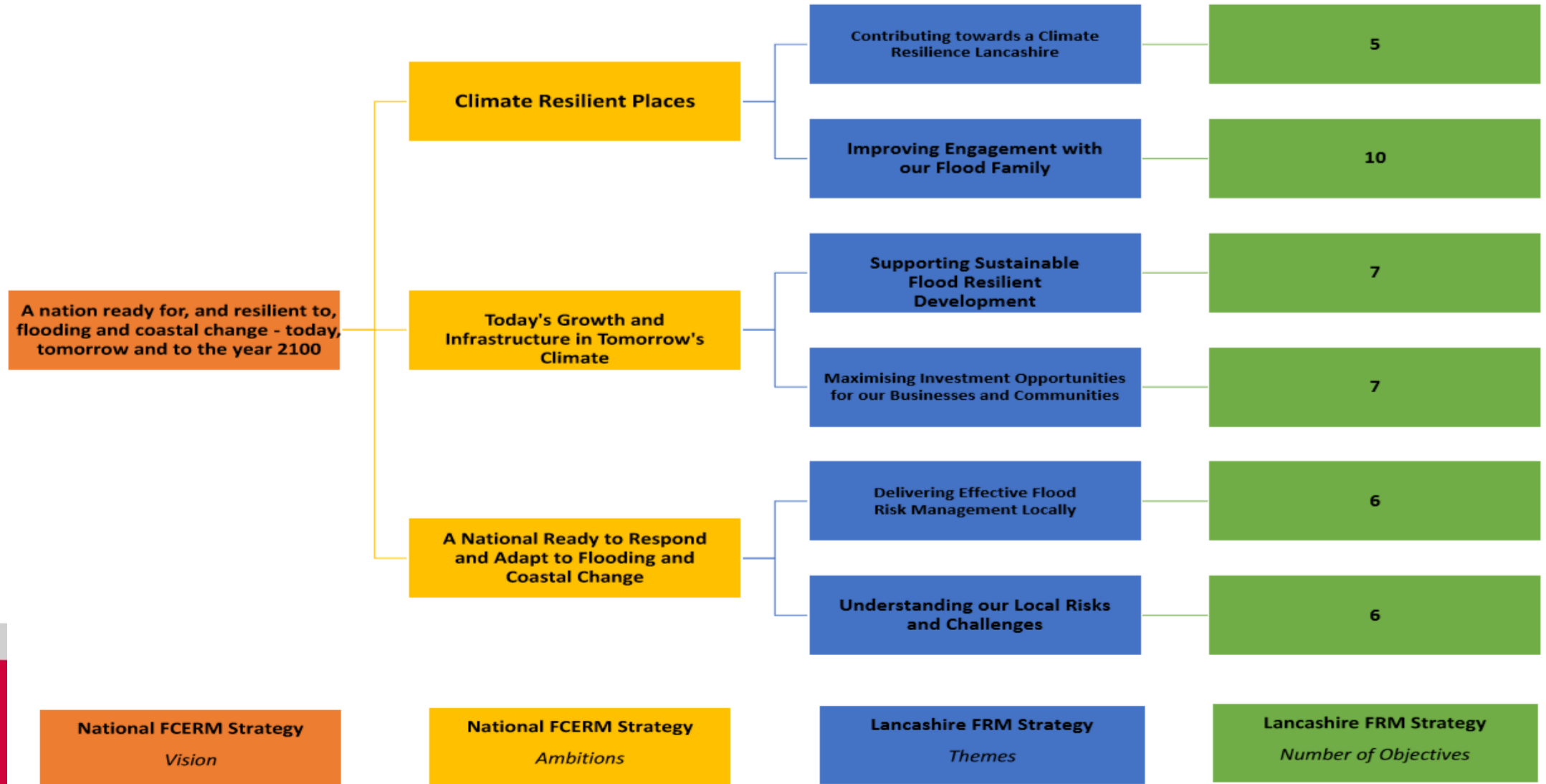
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Alignment with National FCERM Strategy



Delivery

The Lancashire FCERM Business Plan

| Theme | Objective | Output / Outcome | Objective Owner | Support From | Delivery Milestone |
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| 1. Delivering Effective Flood Risk Management Locally | 1.1 Maintain, apply and monitor the Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management (LFRM) Strategy 2021 - 2027 | A monitoring framework for the Lancashire LFRM Strategy is established | LLFA | Lancashire FCERM Partnership <i>(Strategic and Tactical)</i> Partnership Officer | Ongoing to 2027 |
| | 1.2 Review and revise existing Section 19 Flood Investigation Report Policy, incorporating lessons learnt since 2010. | A new Section 19 Flood Investigation Policy is adopted by LLFAs. | LLFA | Environment Agency United Utilities Partnership Officer | March 2023 |
| | 1.3 Review and revise Consenting and Enforcement Policy for regulating Ordinary Watercourses. | A new Consenting and Enforcement Policy for Ordinary Watercourses is adopted by LLFAs, including a clear position on culverting. | LLFA | Partnership Officer | March 2023 |
| | 1.4 Work proactively with Local Planning Authorities to ensure effective local policies are in place for managing flood risk and coastal erosion through the Land and Marine Planning Processes | Local Plan policy and evidence base review are informed by direct input from flood risk management authorities. | Local Planning Authorities | Environment Agency LLFA United Utilities Coast Protection Authorities | Various and Ongoing |
| | 1.5 Consider the need for a Highway Drainage Connection Policy. | Highway Drainage Connection Policy considered and, if appropriate, created and adopted. | Highway Authority | LLFA | March 2022 |
| | 1.6 Consider the need for a 'Designation of Flood Risk Features' Policy. | 'Designation of Flood Risk Features' Policy considered and, if appropriate, created and adopted. | LLFA Environment Agency | Partnership Officer | March 2023 |
| 2. Understanding our Local Risks and Challenges | 2.1 Deliver any outstanding Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP), and identify further studies needed. | Surface Water Management Plans are delivered and used to inform bids into the Investment Programme as appropriate. Further SWMPs are added to Investment Programme. | LLFA | Project Advisor District Councils Environment Agency United Utilities | TBC |
| | 2.2 Bid for funding to install groundwater monitoring equipment to improve our understanding of groundwater flooding in targeted areas in Lancashire. | Groundwater monitoring equipment is installed in targeted areas agreed by flood risk management authorities, and data used to inform decision making. | LLFA or District Council(s) | Project Advisor | March 2024 |
| | 2.3 Bid for funding to map all ordinary watercourses in Lancashire, and feed this mapping and any modelling into national maps to improve all risk management authority understanding of local ordinary watercourse networks. | All ordinary watercourses in Lancashire are mapped, and fed back into national mapping collated by the Environment Agency. | LLFA | Project Advisor Environment Agency | March 2027 |

- 41 SMART objectives
- Proposal is to monitor delivery quarterly through the Lancashire FCERM Partnership
- Potential for annual monitoring report (feedback sought)
- Mid-term review to refresh is possible



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Consultation

- 29 questions on Survey Monkey
- Objectify and measure the majority of responses
- Areas for wider comments too
- Closes 23.59 on 19 March



Consultation on the Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021–2027

Introduction

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 designated Blackburn-with-Darwen Council, Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs). The councils have a range of powers, duties and responsibilities and manage flood risk from 'local' sources. These local sources of flooding are surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses. The councils want your views on our joint draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Under Section 9 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Lead Local Flood Authorities must produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy which is consistent with the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy and we must publicly consult on our Draft Strategy.

The aim is to better protect and improve flood resilience for the people of Lancashire. It sets out how we will concentrate our resources and efforts to improve our understanding of local flood risks, whilst delivering schemes, and supporting our businesses and communities.

The strategy and consultation are only intended to address local sources of flooding. The strategy is not concerned with managing flood risk from main rivers, coastal or sewerage sources, because these are covered by the Environment Agency's Plans and Assessments Framework and a national strategy.

About this consultation

This survey is being undertaken by Infusion Research, part of Blackpool Council's Corporate Development Unit. Data will be gathered in accordance with the Infusion privacy notice accessible from Blackpool Council's website. Completing this survey is voluntary, responses will be anonymised and no personal data relating to any individual will be collected or stored. Data relating to the responses of organisations will reference the name of the organisation if relevant to the response. Analysis of the data gathered will be shared with partner organisations. The findings from the survey are for consultation purposes only, and will be used to provide recommendations on the contents of the draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021 - 2027.

How your views will be used



Please select which best describes you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner/Farmer | <input type="checkbox"/> Councillor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RFCC (Regional Flood and Coast Committee) Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Parliament | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state below |

If 'other', please state below

Have your property ever been affected by flooding?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a resident of Lancashire (including Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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




- Collate and analyse responses
- Produce post consultation report
- Amend Strategy
- SEA & HRA & EIA
- Obtain approvals - from all LLFAs
- Adopt & Publish new Strategy – Late Summer
- Implementation and delivery
- Monitor delivery in line with agreed proposals

| Reference | Recommendation | Proposed Response | Action by | Timescales | Progress RAG |
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| | Short term | | | | |
| S1 | Collaborating with all Risk Management Authorities, local Flood Action Groups and other beneficiaries to define the role and responsibilities of the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and all Risk Management Authorities in Lancashire and to publicise this accordingly. | The Head of Highways will ensure that clarity on this will be included in the refreshed Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. | Head of Highways | Target date was amended from 'late 2020' to 'spring 2021' to ensure sufficient attention to consultation responses and to accommodate formal approval cycles in 3 x LLFAs | In Progress Roles and responsibilities will be clearly defined in the New Local FRM Strategy for Lancashire, including Blackpool and Blackburn. Consultation on the Local FRM Strategy is underway (March 2021) and will be taken to Cabinet as soon as possible to seek formal approval. |
| S2 | Increasing staffing levels within the county council's Flood Risk Management Team to support the need for a resource on service delivery for the people of Lancashire and to explore joint working opportunities with all Risk Management Authorities, including possible agency arrangements with district councils. | The need for and opportunities to increase staffing levels in the team will be reviewed by the Head of Highways following introduction of the new Highways Service Management Team (April 2020). | Head of Highways | Review to be complete by March 2021 | Complete March 2021 2 x Principal Flood Risk Officers commenced in September 2020. New Data & Communications Officer commenced March 2021; the appointment leaves a vacancy in the team which needs to be filled before this post is fully active. New Senior FRM Officer post advertised March 2021 for earliest appointment. Further opportunities to strengthen to team will be considered as business cases can be built. |
| S3 | Providing sufficient resource within the Flood Risk Management Team to enable timely and detailed reviews of all Strategic Flood | The need for and opportunities to increase staffing levels in the team will be reviewed by the Head of Highways following | Head of Highways | Review to be complete by March 2021 | Complete March 2021 Specialist consultancy support is being brought into the team from March 2021 to |

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| RAG Key | Halted/problems | Newly revised dates | Complete/going to plan |
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


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| | Risk Assessments to support Local Plan reviews, and also of the developers' site-specific Flood Risk Assessments, on which the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) is consulted by the local planning authorities. | introduction of the new Highways Service Management Team (April 2020). | | | strengthen response to planning consultations until permanent post is filled. New Senior FRM officer will provide lead for planning responses and consenting. Other duties have been redistributed within the team to enable improved priority for planning consultations. |
| S4 | Increasing the highways drainage budget. | Head of Highways to review with Cabinet. | Head of Highways | Review to be complete by March 2021 | Complete (subject to Council approval of 2021/22 budget) |
| S5 | Collaborating with all Risk Management Authorities and Newground Community Interest Company to develop the county council's Flooding in Lancashire webpages and the Flood Hub Lancashire webpages and provide simplified advice, information and signposting in relation to the role and purpose of the county council as LLFA; how to form a local flood action group; riparian ownership and responsibilities; rules, regulations and exemptions for obtaining licences to carry out work; funding and dedicated webpages for specific flood events whilst | This is a complex project to be developed with partner organisations. As part of any restructure, the Head of Highways will identify a project and resources to take this forward including traditional communications & media strategies – see response to recommendation M3 below. | Head of Highways | Project plan to be in place by March 2021 | Action Complete (Ongoing commitment) All target topics now on the Flood Hub and accessed online here: https://thefloodhub.co.uk/ Partnership Officer attends quarterly meetings to maintain and develop The Flood Hub, including Lancashire's 'Local Area' webpage for The Lancashire Partnership. The new Data & Communications Officer will actively contribute to improved digital data processing and communications. Activity will develop once the resulting Technical Support vacancy in the team has been backfilled (out to advert March 2021 for earliest appointment). |

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


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| | being mindful of the Flood Hub's website content. | | | | |
| S6 | Formalising and maintaining a central register of local Flood Action Groups across Lancashire and to make accessible through The Flood Hub website via all Risk Management Authorities in Lancashire. In addition to publicise the register with the local Met Office and other pertinent organisations. | Underway. In regards to accessing Met Office weather warnings, groups and individuals may self-register for warnings and other updates by following the instructions available via this link | Head of Highways | To be completed by Dec 2020 | <p>Complete February 2021</p> <p>List of all Flood Action Groups in Lancashire is collated.</p> <p>Contact details have been confirmed and remain up to date.</p> <p>All contacts have been invited to pass their details to EA and to Flood Hub for direct updates.</p> <p>The new Data and Communications Officer will develop improved communications and interactions as opportunities arise. Activity will develop once the resulting Technical Support vacancy in the team has been backfilled (out to advert March 2021 for earliest appointment).</p> |
| S7 | Creating a culvert policy with a view to it being adopted by all district councils in Lancashire as a supplementary planning document. | Draft policy already prepared. To be reviewed and used as the basis of internal and external consultation. Timescales to adopt a culvert policy will depend on consultation responses, so not necessarily a short-term measure. | Head of Highways | Consultation was requested to be completed by March 2021; timescale adjusted to 2021/22 | <p>In progress</p> <p>Consultation be developed once the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy has been secured, and progressed alongside complementary policy updates for watercourse consenting and enforcement, and for flooding investigations.</p> |

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


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| S8 | Writing to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to request that Network Rail, Highways England, Canal & River Trust, Limited Companies appointed by Ofwat (New Appointments and Variations) and property management companies become Risk Management Authorities and to collaborate with the Local Government Association on this matter. In addition to give consideration to request district councils in Lancashire to develop relationships with those organisations and to invite them to future Making Space for Water meetings and any other flood risk management related events and meetings. | Work with the district councils will be progressed through the existing partnership meetings. Letter to be prepared and issued in accordance with LCC procedures. | Head of Highways | To be completed by Dec 2020 | Complete Advice received from the SoS is to continue using local contacts and place-based discussions to engage with all potential partners over problem identification and resolutions. |
| S9 | Collaborating with the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and the Local Government Association in writing to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to request that right of | The council's Lead Member for Flooding (Cllr Stephen Clarke) has investigated this situation with United Utilities plc, and has submitted a brief report and recommendations to the Chair of the North West Regional Flood and Coastal | Lead Member for Flooding | Ongoing | Action Complete (Ongoing commitment) NW RFCC is using Cllr Clarke's research & advice as the basis of its approach to this matter as a key regional stakeholder in the national discussion on options for improvement. Cllr Clarke and LCC officers remain fully engaged with the initiative. |

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| | connection, mandatory adoption and water companies as statutory consultees on planning applications be reviewed. | Committee (NW RFCC). He will progress further activity for LCC subject to the decisions of the NW RFCC. | | | |
| S10 | Writing to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government expressing concern that approved surface water drainage provisions including sustainable drainage systems (SUDS) are not being implemented within developments as approved through the planning process, and that additional resources or legal provisions are required so that implementation of surface water drainage systems within new developments including SuDS can be properly monitored and enforced and to collaborate with the Local Government Association on this matter. | Letter to be prepared and issued in accordance with LCC procedures. | Head of Highways | To be completed by Dec 2020 | <p>Action Complete (Ongoing commitment)</p> <p>Advice received is for LLFAs to engage fully with the national process for updating and potentially adopting Non-statutory Technical Standards for SuDS.</p> <p>LCC has contributed to both consultation processes and continues to engage fully with the local planning authorities regarding improved delivery of SuDS and all surface water management conditions relating to new developments.</p> |
| S11 | Writing to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to consider publishing consistent | Letter to be prepared and issued in accordance with LCC procedures. | Head of Highways | To be completed by Dec 2020 | <p>Complete</p> <p>Advice received is that the procedures for making flood resilience grants available</p> |

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| | guidance on when flood resilience grants would be made available to flooded homes and businesses for the installation of property resilience measures and to collaborate with the Local Government Association on this matter. | | | | are considered appropriate and aren't expected to change. |
| S12 | Writing to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government asking that he collaborates with the Local Government Association over potential amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework so that Lead Local Flood Authorities be paid to carry out developers' Flood Risk Assessments so that development proposals will accommodate consistent practice and sustainable management of local drainage conditions and flood risk within and outside of all development sites. | Letter to be prepared and issued in accordance with LCC procedures. | Head of Highways | To be completed by Dec 2020 | <p>Action Complete (Ongoing commitment)</p> <p>Advice received is for LLFAs to engage with the Planning White Paper review processes. Also to engage fully with the national process for updating and potentially adopting Non-statutory technical standards for SuDS.</p> <p>LCC has contributed to both consultation processes and continues to engage fully with the local planning authorities regarding improved delivery of SuDS and all surface water management conditions relating to new developments.</p> |
| S13 | Engaging with United Utilities to agree a mechanism for receiving advice on SUDS that are | United Utilities plc has launched its SUDS adoption procedures (April 2020). The NW RFCC has engaged with | Highways Service Manager – | Ongoing | Action Complete (Ongoing commitment) |

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| | planned in a particular application that might be at a level to be adopted. | all LPAs in the region to promote take-up, and to establish a pro-forma to enable standardised assessment of developers SUDS proposals. LCC will continue to engage with these processes as 'business as normal'. | Infrastructure to monitor | | <p>NW SuDS Pro-forma rollout across Lancashire LPAs has now commenced.</p> <p>SuDS adoption processes are incorporated within this rollout and will be discussed with UU as part of this process as to what extent engagement is needed and how this will be best achieved during the planning application process.</p> <p>Design and Construction Guide (DCG) for Sewers became regulated guidance on 1 April 2020; LCC is now encouraging developers to design to these standards in order for their SuDS to be eligible for adoption by UU plc (note that this is voluntary).</p> <p>The pro-forma requires developers to design to DCG standards and therefore, once adopted by all Lancashire LPAs, all SuDS in Lancashire from this date should be eligible for adoption.</p> |
| S14 | Promoting the educational programme established by United Utilities via the Lancashire County Council Schools' Portal. | The Head of Highways will facilitate the necessary discussions between United Utilities and LCC Education Service to enable decisions on this to be made by the appropriate decision-makers. | Head of Highways | Introductions to be made by October 2020 – recommended this be set back to October 2021 in recognition of schools' coronavirus management demands. | <p>In Progress</p> <p>Early discussion has been held with UU plc regarding linking their education offer to LCC's schools' curriculum. However LCC Education services has had a significant burden during 2020 arising from managing the coronavirus in schools. Delivering activity S14 has been postponed in recognition of the schools'</p> |

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


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| | | | | | situation, and will be restarted during 2021. |
| | Medium term | | | | |
| M1 | Collaborating with all Risk Management Authorities to formalise the walk-around offer currently offered in a limited manner within the Environment Agency and to notify all local Flood Action Groups (FIAGs) of its launch. | Already triggered by local business need through Making Space for Water partnerships. FIAGs to be contacted and assured this will continue. | Highways Service Manager – Infrastructure | In place by September 2020 | Action Complete (Ongoing commitment) This commitment was in place through Making Space for Water partnerships by September 2020. Communication to FIAGs will be completed is a planned activity for new Data and Communications Officer, once the resulting Technical Support vacancy in the team has been backfilled (out to advert March 2021 for earliest appointment). |
| M2 | Promoting the flood risk management pre-application service. | The Highways Service Manager – Infrastructure has commissioned a review of the pre-app service and charges, seeking to promote it more positively alongside pre-application services provided for highways advice. Improvements will be established once the review concludes. | Highways Service Manager - Infrastructure | In place by December 2020 | Action Complete (Ongoing commitment) New working procedures in place with Highways DC leading on marketing/opportunities |
| M3 | Producing a guide on how to setup a local Flood Action Group to enable those people who wish to do so and for existing groups to flourish. It's | The additional resource required to achieve this will be taken into account in the reviews identified in response to recommendation S5 above. | Highways Service Manager - Infrastructure | To be completed during 2021/22 | In Progress Review of existing Flood Hub advice planned for new Data and Communications Officer, once the resulting Technical Support vacancy in the |

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


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| | suggested that the guide should include a template constitution; advice on creating emergency plans and who to share these with; key contacts and advice on who to build working relationships with and examples of what funding could be used for and for the guide to be publicised and shared with all tiers of councils and councillors, Risk Management Authorities and libraries throughout Lancashire. | | | | team has been backfilled (out to advert March 2021 for earliest appointment). |
| M4 | The flood risk management team assessing every project for the scope to include upstream storage and increasing natural flood risk management activities. | This is a significant piece of work, beyond a simple design check, requiring cross-service collaboration. The Head of Highways will identify key stakeholders to take forward as a corporate initiative. | Head of Highways | To be completed during 2021/22 | To start 2021 |
| M5 | Providing maximum surface water attenuation for new highways sponsored by Lancashire County Council through the implementation of tree pits and other attenuation features. | The relevant Head of Service to hold an internal review to identify current best practice | Head of Highways | To be completed during 2021/22 | To start 2021 |

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


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| M6 | Reviewing how powers can be delegated to enable local Flood Action Groups to place road closure and other related signage on the highways in the event of a flood. | This proposal raises significant health & safety and legislative risks for all parties. The Head of Highways will review options including identifying any current practices elsewhere in the country. | Head of Highways | Target was March 2021. Recommend this is extended to 2021/22 in recognition of the significance of the legal & safety issues. | In Progress Experience from elsewhere in UK is being collected for review. Internal review planned (March 2021). |
| M7 | Exploring opportunities with the Fire and Rescue Service to embed a flood preparedness element to their existing fire safety checks in homes. | The Head of Highways will facilitate a discussion with the appropriate officers of the Fire & Rescue Service to enable the feasibility of this recommendations to be explored and taken forward if possible. | Highways Service Manager - Infrastructure | Timescale was March 2021; adjusted to 2021/22 to accommodate resources review by all parties | In Progress Introductory discussion held with LF&RS officers January 2021. Options and resource demands are under review. |
| M8 | Write to all district councils in Lancashire to request that all future agendas for Making Space for Water meetings include an opportunity for local FIAGs to address those meetings and raise any issues of concern; and to publicise dates of all future meetings on their websites. | The Making Space for Water meetings in Lancashire are the established forum for technical partners to discuss matters of common concern within a district area. They are not generally open to members of the public, community groups or their elected representatives, to ensure technical progress is shared and made on matters of joint concern which of necessity includes sharing of confidential data. FIAGs are always welcome to raise | Highways Service Manager - Infrastructure | Timescale was March 2021; adjusted to 2021/22 to accommodate resourcing needs for this activity. | In Progress February 2021: the NW-RFCC announced a change to the Partnership Coordination role, and a key FRM team member announced their planned resignation effective May 2021. These circumstances mean that LCC resources for this activity have to be reviewed and redirected to ensure all aspirations are reflected by any changes in the MSfW format. |

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


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| | | queries direct with the drainage authorities for a joint response outside of Making Space for Water meetings. | | | |
| M9 | Write to all Risk Management Authorities to take steps to: a) Enable local Flood Action Groups to contribute a local touch to funding applications for large scale projects submitted by them. b) Consult with local FIAGs as an essential step in the decision making process on flood risk management project planning. | This recommendation will be discussed with all impacted flood risk partner organisations and progressed through the Tactical partnership meetings. | Highways Service Manager - Infrastructure | Timescale was March 2021; adjusted to 2021/22 to accommodate resourcing needs for this activity. | In Progress Agenda item for next Tactical Partnership meeting (March 2021) |
| M10 | Hold an annual forum/conference/workshop/scrutiny inquiry or symposium to invite and bring together all the Risk Management Authorities and local FIAGs across Lancashire to discuss flood risk management and preparedness matters. This could be facilitated by the External Scrutiny Committee in its obligation | The benefits of this are recognised, Unfortunately this is an action that can't easily be delivered remotely. The Highways Service Manager – Infrastructure will research options with other LLFAs and develop proposals to hold a future event when safe to do so. | Highways Service Manager - Infrastructure | To be completed during 2021/22 | In Progress Experience from elsewhere in UK is being collected for review. Duty to scrutinise flooding activities annually is no longer in force. Activity planned for new Data and Communications Officer, once the resulting Technical Support vacancy in the team has been backfilled (out to advert March 2021 for earliest appointment). |

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


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| | to scrutinise flood risk management on an annual basis. | | | | |
| M11 | Exploring opportunities to utilise social media platforms, 'In the Know' alerts or other real-time communication sources to provide preparedness and action messages around flood and weather warnings, successes and post-event advice supplementary to any Met Office forecast, warnings and advice issued. | The council's FRM team currently circulates Met Office weather warnings and other general communications messages relating to flood risk on an informal basis with Flood Action Groups and other community groups who have asked to be included. It is acknowledged that more work should be done to make the communications with the team as meaningful as possible and to work with new and forthcoming technological advances. A lead officer will be nominated within the team to develop & deliver initiatives. | Highways Service Manager - Infrastructure | Ongoing | <p>In Progress</p> <p>Activity planned for new Data and Communications Officer, once the resulting Technical Support vacancy in the team has been backfilled (out to advert March 2021 for earliest appointment).</p> |
| M12 | Collaborating with all Risk Management Authorities' communications teams and Newground Community Interest Company to explore opportunities to display flood resilience information where there is high foot fall in public spaces and buildings; via social media platforms. | Whilst the country manages the coronavirus crisis, physical communication measures are considered to be unreliable and have a low priority. It is acknowledged that more work should be done with physical measures to complement the emerging digital communication channels identified in M11 | Highways Service Manager - Infrastructure | Ongoing | <p>In Progress</p> <p>Activity planned for new Data and Communications Officer, once the resulting Technical Support vacancy in the team has been backfilled (out to advert March 2021 for earliest appointment).</p> |

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| | | above. A lead officer will be nominated within the team to develop & deliver initiatives. | | | |
| M13 | Reviewing accessibility of emergency respite centres and other activities taking account of children and pets. | The Head of Highways will raise this issue through the Lancashire Resilience Forum to enable the Rest Centre procedures to be reviewed and adapted where appropriate. | Head of Highways | To be completed during 2021/22 | In Progress Agenda item proposed for next meeting of the LRF Community Resilience Group (March 2021) |
| | Long term | | | | |
| L1 | <p>Taking steps to integrate culvert locations including those identified under rights of way within the county council's Highways Asset Management System (HAMS). Should no solution be found, to then consider the implementation of an alternative web application/software suitable for the task and capable of integrating with HAMS.</p> <p>Funding a temporary post to support the recording of culvert location data into HAMS.</p> | Initial investigations have identified that a Geographical Information System (GIS) product is required as HAMS does not offer a sustainable solution to this need. The operational requirements a suitable GIS product are to be considered & a corporate solution developed. | Head of Highways | Ongoing. To be completed during 2021/22 | In Progress New ways of working with GIS are under review between officers and the corporate GIS team, and new systems are expected in 2021. Activity planned for new Data and Communications Officer, once the resulting Technical Support vacancy in the team has been backfilled (out to advert March 2021 for earliest appointment). |
| L2 | Collaborating with the Country Land and Business | The Head of Highways will facilitate the necessary | Head of Highways | To be completed during 2021/22 | In Progress |

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| | Association (CLA) and the National Farmers' Union (NFU) to encourage their members from Lancashire to report locations of any known (historic) culverts to assist the county council in developing its flood risk asset register. This could be carried out on a district by district basis. | discussions with these organisations, to establish a procedure for simple reporting mechanisms to capture new information on culverted watercourses. The same mechanism can then be used to capture and record information received from any source. | | | Officers are developing the GIS specification to store and use this data. Activity planned for new Data and Communications Officer, once the resulting Technical Support vacancy in the team has been backfilled (out to advert March 2021 for earliest appointment). |
| L3 | Collaborating with United Utilities and district councils to find suitable and reliable mechanisms for enforcing current regulations on impermeable paving of front gardens. | The Head of Highways will facilitate the necessary discussions with the local planning authorities. | Head of Highways | To be completed during 2021/22 | In Progress Agenda item for next FRM meeting with Local Planning Authority Officers' group. |
| L4 | Exploring the possibility of establishing shared or pooled budgets for contribution by Risk Management Authorities on complex flood risk management projects as and when needed. | There is a mature understanding locally, regionally and nationally that many benefits can be unlocked by sustainable flood risk management schemes including economic/job security, continuity of public services including education and transport, health and wellbeing, and habitat/conservation. All potential beneficiaries from a flood risk management | Head of Highways | Ongoing | In Progress Agenda item for next Tactical Partnership meeting (March 2021) |

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| | | scheme are engaged and bespoke funding structures are designed to share/pool the available funds and to maximise the achievable benefits. We commit to maintaining and developing this approach. | | | |
| L5 | Exploring the possibility of a shared casework system to which all Risk Management Authorities could access and contribute to. | Each drainage authority has its own legal obligations and corporate commitments, with casework systems developed to deliver these and to provide performance data for the individual organisations. We share data relating to shared interests between the relevant RMAs under a formal data-sharing protocol, which also protects personal data from being shared inappropriately. Shared caseworks requiring more attention are also considered in the operational partnership meetings. These arrangements are continuously reviewed, and adapted where all parties affected can agree the changes. | Head of Highways | To be completed during 2021/22 | <p>In Progress</p> <p>Terms of reference and governance of all the partnership meetings are under review, including the Making Space for Water meetings, to ensure they are fit for purpose and resourced & managed appropriately.</p> |

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| L6 | Where appropriate encouraging relevant district councils to establish Internal Drainage Boards should the relevant Bills in Parliament receive Royal Assent (Environment Bill and Rivers Authorities and Land Drainage Bill) | When new legislation is in force, the Head of Highways will work with all affected partners to progress Internal Drainage Boards or Surface Water Management Boards where these will work to reduce flood risk for homes, properties and agricultural land. | Head of Highways | Open-ended as Royal Assent not achieved yet | In progress Awaiting progress with the relevant legislation through Parliament (Part 5 of the Environment Bill, details online here: https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2593). |

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External Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 16 March 2021

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| Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions); |
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Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report provides information on the single combined work programme for all of the Lancashire County Council scrutiny committees. A copy of this work programme is set out at Appendix A.

The topics included were identified at a work planning workshop for members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee held on 29 May 2020.

Recommendation

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to review and agree the work programme items for the committee.

Background and Advice

The Covid 19 pandemic has required members and officers to work differently and the wider context has also meant that priorities have changed or shifted in emphasis.

The work programme for this year has been combined with the other scrutiny committees given that the primary focus of the scrutiny work programme as a whole is dedicated to the response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

It is important to note that the work programme needs to be flexible in order to accommodate any urgent items that may arise. In addition, the work programme will form a standing item on the committee meeting agenda for regular review and to ensure it is still fit for purpose.

To further enhance the work programme, members are asked to reflect on key discussion areas or questions they would like to consider for each of the topic areas. This will ensure that the senior officers have a clear focus in order to provide the relevant information.

Further to this, members are asked to consider who they would like to invite to future meetings to help provide a more holistic picture for scrutiny to understand the challenges and produce meaningful but achievable recommendations.

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to review and agree the work programme items for the committee.

Consultations

NA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020-2021

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| Month | | Education and Children's Services | External | Health | Internal |
| | June | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from the ICS on NHS Cells for Lancashire and digital and engagement with local people. Temporary changes to clinical services across the ICS during the COVID-19 pandemic | |
| | July | Response to the COVID 19 pandemic in Lancashire - perceptions of the experiences of children and young people, and headlines from the operation of service during the COVID-19 emergency period. | Strengthening flood risk management and preparedness | | 1. RIPA annual report 2. The impact of Covid 19 on county council services Highways – challenges faced following pandemic and resuming 'normal' work programmes |
| | September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What powers do we have as a county council/what can we do to support schools and parents. - Position update on the wider reopening of schools Schools Causing Concern Task Group report – response to recommendations SEND Ofsted inspection report Review of work programme | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult social care – winter preparations (Supporting the social care sector including domiciliary care workers) NHS 111 First | Covid 19 – what comes next? Including building pan-Lancashire working and Democratic involvement in resilience forums and maintaining democratic leadership during a crisis |

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| | October | Children's Social Care - protecting vulnerable/valuable children – plans in place to manage spikes in referrals. Child poverty increase and the impact on the demand on social care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal credit – Citizens Advice Decarbonisation pathway – Lancashire, Electricity North West and Cadent Gas | | |
| Month | November | Education – digital poverty and lesson learned. Digital aspirational views – turning challenge into opportunity. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suicide prevention in Lancashire LCC Adult Social Care Winter Plan | Speeding Traffic and the lack of enforcement |
| | December | Impact of the pandemic on children and young people's mental health – plans in place to support and an update on CAMHS including managing increase in contacts, anxiety of YP on return to school and availability of more online support | | NHS Test & Trace and Community Testing | |
| | January | Early Help – Update on the Lancashire offer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening flood risk management and preparedness – update on implementing recommendations. | | Covid 19 – Further update following the update provided at the September 2020 meeting |
| | February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Years sector – impact on private providers supporting vulnerable children and families (including update on the | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaping Care Together briefing on the transformation of community and hospital services for adults in West Lancashire and Sefton areas | |

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| | | EY Strategy and School Improvement Model) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaping Care Together briefing on the transformation of community and hospital services in West Lancashire and Sefton areas (Special Meeting 2 Feb 2021 pm) | | | |
| | March | **Family Safeguarding Model – update on implementation of model in Oct/Nov 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Risk Management Strategy Rapporteur report – Universal Credit - tbc | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Hospitals Programme: Lancashire and South Cumbria (previously known as Health Infrastructure Plan – Phase 2) | Staff Wellbeing and Welfare |
| | April | Meeting cancelled | | - | <p>Scrutiny of the Council's response to the Government's call for local councils to invest in street safety</p> <p>RIPA Annual Report</p> |
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| Other Topics | Topics from work programmes 2019/20 not scheduled | <p>Participation strategy update Road safety Independent children's homes Getting to Good plan update NEET SEN equipment in schools School transport Maintained nurseries update Parking at schools Childhood immunisation programme 0-19 Healthy Child programme Lancashire schools attainment report (standing item) CAMHS Redesign in Lancashire and South Cumbria – progress report (tbc)</p> <p>**SEND: Lancashire Breaktime update SEND Accelerated Progress Plan update</p> <p>Progress update on Pupils in special schools with medical conditions task group recommendations</p> <p>Schools causing concern task group - update on recommendations</p> | <p>Lancashire energy strategy Review of Community Safety Partnerships and governance arrangements (2021 tbc) Greater Lancashire plan LCC Carbon Plan/Internal Energy and Water Management Policy</p> <p>LEP – response to the pandemic – economic recovery plan incorporating 'green' principles Impact of pandemic on road safety and lessons learnt</p> | <p>Urgent Mental Health Pathway Transforming Care (Calderstones) Social Prescribing Tackling period poverty Delayed transfers of care Stroke Programme Vascular, head and neck Review of Primary Care Networks and Neighbourhoods Disabled Facilities Grants Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018-2025 – tbc 2021 Update on The Future of Hospital Services in Central Lancashire Task and Finish Group activity NHS 111 First – update Health System Reforms</p> | <p>Youth Employment and Skills – impact on youth as one of the hardest hit groups during the pandemic (consideration to be given to which scrutiny committee will be most relevant to consider this topic)</p> <p>Economic and Social Recovery</p> <p>How county councillors can work better with officers</p> <p>Drainage issues in general</p> <p>Local Government Funding and Income Generation Task Group</p> <p>Update on Reducing Single Use Plastics in Lancashire</p> |
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