

## **External Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 16 March 2021

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 webpage<sup>1</sup>. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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

N/A