

**Name of meeting:** Council  
**Date:** 18 January 2017

**Title of report:** Revision of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes
Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan</a> ?	Yes
Is it eligible for "call in" by <a href="#">Scrutiny</a> ?	Yes
<b>Date signed off by Director &amp; name</b>  <b>Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director - Financial Management, Risk, IT &amp; Performance?</b>  <b>Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal Governance &amp; Monitoring?</b>	<b>Jacqui Gedman – 03.11.16</b>  <b>Debbie Hogg - 02.11.16</b>  <b>Julie Muscroft – 04.11.16</b>
<b>Cabinet member</b> <a href="#">portfolio</a>	<b>Cllr P McBride</b> - Economy, Skills, Transportation and Planning

**Electoral [wards](#) affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** None

**Public or private:** Public

## 1. Purpose of report

Update of the local flood risk management strategy, published in 2013, to reflect new evidence/information, particularly in relation to the flooding in December 2015.

The report was considered at the meeting of Cabinet on 15 November 2016. Cabinet supported the content of the report.

## 2. Key points

The Councils Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) has been reviewed following a resolution at Council on 23 March 2016 to:

- (i) Ask Cabinet to review the 2013 Kirklees Flood Risk Management Strategy.*
- (ii) Consult public, private and statutory bodies regionally and nationally to produce a mitigation and resilience strategy.*

*(iii) Submit the final document to Council for comment and to subsequently forward to Government and all agencies for their endorsement and inclusion on funding bids*

The LFRMS was published in February 2013 and has undergone annual reviews by the Council's Scrutiny process. The Strategy outlines the Council's duties under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and details a series of actions to deliver its duty to understand local flood risk and identify measures to manage the risk. Whilst the Strategy is still appropriate in its broad approach, its evidence base requires updating to reflect legislative changes around Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), new knowledge from recent studies and the impact of recent flood events.

Responding to the Council resolution:

- (i) The revision includes:
  - A general update of dates/text/information throughout the report to make it relevant to the current time
  - Reference to the flood event in Mirfield in December 2015 (**pages 7, 19, and 53**)
  - The new role of the Council (as Lead Local Flood Authority) as a Statutory Consultee to Planning on Surface Water Drainage (**pages 9, 24, 28, 37, 44**)
  - A statement on progress in the first 3 years of the strategy on information collection, knowledge, understanding and recent/current flood management studies and initiatives (**page 53**)
  - Acknowledgement of comments made in the annual scrutiny review of progress against the action plan (**page 55**)
  - Strengthening of the action in the strategy to explore natural flood management opportunities (**page 47**)
  - Recommendations from the recent Leeds City Region Flood Review and Calderdale Flood Commission (following the December 2015 floods) (**page 31**)
- (ii) The Strategy outlines the general approach on the initiatives and tools the Council will use to manage local flood risk. A number of specific actions in the Strategy (Measures 1.6, 3.1, 5.1, 5.3, 7.2, 7.3 and 11.1) contribute to an ongoing mitigation and resilience programme, prioritising where best to direct the Council's resources. The programme is developed in partnership with the Environment Agency to maximise opportunities for funding through their Grant in Aid programme.
- (iii) The updated Strategy will be submitted to Council on 14 December. The evidence base in the Strategy is referenced in all funding bids, providing context and justification for the funding.

The updated Strategy will inform the programme of work for the Flood Management team to manage local flood risk in a prioritised and proportionate way.

### **3. Implications for the Council**

The Council has a legal duty to publish, implement and review a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

The Council will continue to implement the Strategy, within existing revenue and capital budgets, in line with the level of flood risk and external funding opportunity.

#### **4. Consultees and their opinions**

None consulted (minor updating of the Strategy to reflect legislative changes and improved evidence base for actions).

#### **5. Next steps**

To implement the strategy.

#### **6. Officer recommendations and reasons**

Councillors are asked to approve the Strategy to address the resolution made at Council on 23 March 2016.

#### **7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**

Cllr McBride supports the approval of the Strategy to address the resolution made at Council on 23 March 2016.

#### **8. Contact officer and relevant papers**

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Relevant papers:

Appendix 1 - Updated Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

#### **9. Assistant Director responsible**

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