



**NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Wednesday, 7 December 2016

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Place:** Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG

**Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting to transact the following business**

**Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources**

**Senior Governance Officer:** Laura Wilson **Direct Dial:** 0115 8764301

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**MINUTES of the meeting held in the Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 9 November 2016 from 14.00 - 15.00**

**Membership**

Present

Councillor Brian Parbutt (Chair)  
Councillor Glyn Jenkins  
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Neghat Khan  
Councillor Ginny Klein  
Councillor Anne Peach  
Councillor Josh Cook  
Councillor Patience Uloma Ifediora  
Councillor Sue Johnson  
Councillor Andrew Rule (substitute for  
Councillor Georgina Culley)

Absent

Councillor Azad Choudhry  
Councillor Georgina Culley  
Councillor Pat Ferguson  
Beverley Frost  
Councillor Leslie Ayoola  
Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim

**Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:**

Councillor Jim Armstrong - Observer  
Roxy Browne - Governance Officer  
Councillor Graham Chapman - Deputy Leader/Portfolio for Resources and  
Neighbourhood Regeneration  
Rav Kalsi - Senior Governance Officer  
Laura Wilson - Senior Governance Officer

**27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Azad Choudhry – personal  
Councillor Georgina Culley – illness  
Councillor Pat Ferguson – illness  
Beverley Frost – non-Council business

**28 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

**29 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **30 DISCUSSION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RESOURCES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD REGENERATION**

Councillor Graham Chapman, Portfolio Holder for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration, updated the Committee on the following key areas within his portfolio: commercialism, the delivery of a balanced budget and outer-city centre regeneration.

The following information was highlighted in relation to the Council's commercial strategy:

- (a) Nottingham City Council is one of the most advanced local authorities nationally in its approach to commercialism. The Council has taken sensible decisions in its approach to asset management by retaining ownership of a number of key assets, such as its own bus company, which brings in over £1 million a year and a district heating company;
- (b) The Council's commercialism agenda generates £17-18 million annually, although it is hoped that this approach might realise an additional £5 million next year. Although tough decisions still need to be made when it comes to delivering a balanced budget, the commercial agenda goes some way to supporting the delivery of a balanced budget;
- (c) The Council's approach to land and property management generates the most income within its commercial agenda and accounted for almost £10 million throughout 2015/2016. The Council has embarked on purchasing property which, in many cases, can see a return of 6-7% on the investment;
- (d) In addition to asset management, the Council carries out certain services for other local authorities, such as collecting business waste in Gedling. As part of the commercial strategy, the Nottingham Motorpoint Arena also manages the merchandise for the O2 Arena in London, the Liverpool Echo Arena and the SSE Arena in Glasgow;
- (e) The commercial strategy is underpinned by sensible decision making and good management. By taking a commercial approach to the delivery of some of its services, the Council has gone some way to masking the true impact of the reduction in government grant to local authorities.

The following information was presented in response to question on the commercialism agenda:

- (f) There are a number of service areas which are financially supported by the Council's commercialism agenda. Although the income generated by the commercial strategy is held in a central pot, it is used to mitigate the cost of delivering some services in Adult Social Care;
- (g) The risks associated with purchasing strategic assets across the city are the length of the lease on the property and how viable they are in the medium to long-term;

- (h) The commercial strategy has supported a range of services across the authority, to the extent that in comparison to other authorities, Nottingham City Council has made very few redundancies in the past few years;
- (i) Council officers are supporting the commercial agenda alongside the delivery of the Council's core services.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration highlighted the following information regarding the Council's budget:

- (j) The Council's annual turnover is around £1 billion, with a net budget of around £230 million;
- (k) The Council is experiencing its sixth year of consecutive cuts in the amount of grants it receives from central government. Since 2011, households in Nottingham are £585 worse off, whereas places such as Essex and Uttlesford have only lost £144 per household;
- (l) There appears to be a correlation between the poorest authorities and those who have lost the most per household. Places like Rutland have received a higher subsidy per household than Nottingham which emphasises a sense of injustice to the grant funding;
- (m) In the next financial year, the Council will have to find another £25 million of reductions whilst managing the additional challenges in already squeezed services, like Adult Social Care and Children's Services.

The following information was highlighted in response to questions on the Council's budget:

- (n) The Council has been given the responsibility of administering Housing Support and have incorporated this into the budget. In addition to this, the Council will also pay for the shortfall in funding, as well as charging for empty houses, which does not cover the full cost of the service. There is also a discrepancy in the distribution of funding for transport, which used to be circulated based on usage and area, now the funding is based on the length of roads which benefits rural areas (with longer roads) than areas of high need, such as inner cities and urban areas;
- (o) Nottingham is ranked around 30<sup>th</sup> in the 500 worst hit cities in grant funding reductions. Most of the Core Cities are placed within the top 50.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration highlighted the following information regarding outer-city regeneration:

- (p) Regeneration projects in small towns and neighbourhoods are not just archetypal regeneration projects but include schemes for maintenance, cleansing and job creation. Recent schemes have taken place in Bulwell and Clifton to good effect;

- (q) Outer-city regeneration projects include improved security in areas, such as maintaining a community protection presence in an area. Support for priority families, area working and small transport schemes are all fundamental to regenerating small towns across Nottingham;
- (r) There is a certain amount of funding that is rightfully earmarked for the city centre, partly to protect the Council's investment into the city, but the Council will continue to pursue an Energy Park in Bulwell, as well as supporting the food industry in Bestwood;
- (s) There are a number of buildings, some derelict, across Nottingham in need of regeneration and refurbishment, for example the Forest Mill Buildings in Radford or the Apollo site in Bulwell;
- (t) Credit Unions are now opening outlets in establishments with increased footfalls, such as a local authority owned building in Mansfield. There is potential for a similar approach to be adopted in Nottingham, for example, by using the Council's Joint Service Centres, such as those in St Ann's, Bulwell and Clifton.

**RESOLVED to**

- (1) thank the Deputy Leader/Portfolio Holder for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration for the informative update on the key objectives within his portfolio;**
- (2) add the Regeneration of Town Centres to the Work Programme for 2017/18.**

**31 WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

Laura Wilson, Senior Governance Officer introduced the report setting out the programme of activity for this Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Review Panels for 2016/17.

**RESOLVED to**

- (1) postpone the discussion with the Leader of the Council from December 2016 to a future Committee date;**
- (2) agree the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Review Panels for 2016/17.**

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| <b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>                             |
| <b>7 DECEMBER 2016</b>   |
| <b>NOTTINGHAM LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY</b>             |
| <b>REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGY AND RESOURCES</b> |

**1. Purpose**

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the impact of the Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy since its adoption in March 2015.

**2. Action required**

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the impact of the Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy now that it has been in place for over 18 months.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 clarified and amended the roles and responsibilities of organisations involved in flood risk management, and introduced a significant new role for Nottingham City Council as ‘Lead Local Flood Authority’ (LLFA). The new responsibilities introduced included:
- responsibility for managing flood risk from ‘local’ sources, which includes surface water, minor (‘ordinary’) watercourses and groundwater;
  - developing, maintaining, applying and monitoring a strategy for local flood risk management (a ‘local flood risk management strategy’);
  - investigating flood incidents to identify the organisation with relevant flood risk management functions;
  - developing and maintaining a register of flood risk management assets and features;
  - acting as the Sustainable Drainage Systems Approval Body (SAB) for new developments.
- 3.2 In response to the new responsibilities, Nottingham City Council drafted the Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, which the Committee was consulted on in February 2015.
- 3.3 The Strategy was adopted in March 2015, with objectives such as:
- working collaboratively with partners;
  - sustainable new developments;
  - economically sustainable activities;
  - community engagement;
  - multiple benefits such as enhancing infrastructure or promoting biodiversity;
  - catchment based approach.

- 3.4 At the time of consultation, the Committee made a number of recommendations:
- (1) to request a further meeting in 12 months to report on updates on Strategy objectives such as community engagement and asset management;
  - (2) recommend that feedback from the Committee is used in the submission to Executive Board and Full Council in February and March 2015;
  - (3) recommend a list of useful contacts and responsibilities of key agencies in flood risk management be promoted;
  - (4) recommend that all flood risk management partners should continue to meet and engage with members of the public and community groups where necessary, to give reassurance around flood risk.
- 3.5 This meeting responds to recommendation (1) above, and fulfils the Committee's statutory obligation to review flood mitigation on a regular basis.

**4. List of attached information**

Appendix 1 - Report of the Interim Director of Traffic and Transport  
Appendix 2 - Flood Risk Management Actions  
Appendix 3 - Environment Agency Activities

**5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

None.

**6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – Overview and Scrutiny Committee February 2015, Executive Board February 2015, City Council March 2015.

**7. Wards affected**

City-wide

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## Report of the Interim Director of Traffic and Transport

### Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to allow the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the progress that Nottingham City Council has been making towards the implementation of the Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. This Strategy concentrated on reducing flood risk from surface water.

The City Council, Environment Agency, and Severn Trent Water all work closely together to reduce flood risk from whatever source to citizens. Therefore the way these organisations work together is critical, and so representatives from the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water will also be present at the meeting.

### Action required

The Committee is asked to review the progress towards the implementation of the Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, and the work being carried out by all of the flood risk management authorities to reduce flood risk to citizens. The committee is requested to provide feedback to ensure that the work being carried out to reduce flood risk reflects the needs of the community.

### Background information

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 clarified and amended the roles and responsibilities of organisations involved in flood risk management and introduced a significant new role for Nottingham City Council as 'Lead Local Flood Authority' (LLFA). The new responsibilities include:

- Responsibility for managing flood risk from 'local' sources, which includes surface water, minor ('ordinary') watercourses and groundwater,
- Developing, maintaining, applying and monitoring a strategy for local flood risk management (a 'local flood risk management strategy'),
- Investigating flood incidents to identify the organisation(s) with relevant flood risk management functions,
- Developing and maintaining a register of flood risk management assets and features.

The overarching aim of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is to reduce the impact of flooding on people, property and businesses in Nottingham.

### **The Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**

This document was discussed at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 February 2015, and approved by full Council on 9 March 2015. The strategy included an action plan, as reproduced in Appendix 2. Even though the committee has been requested to review progress against

this action plan, it needs to be recognised that many of the actions are still ongoing.

### Statutory Duties

The Council has continued to carry out its statutory duties as required under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, (S1 to S6 in the action plan). Flooding was experienced in June 2016, with 23 incidents of flooding reported to the City Council but very few of these involved internal flooding of any properties. The City Council has previously set thresholds regarding when a formal investigation of a flooding incident will occur. These thresholds were not triggered in any flooding in 2016, and so no formal S19 investigations have been instigated.

### Asset Management

The importance of effective maintenance of all drainage assets by all of the flood risk management authorities cannot be stressed sufficiently. Nottingham City Council's key role is ensuring that the highway gullies are operating effectively neither inhibited nor blocked by silt, nor covered in debris. Highway Services also maintain a number of ordinary watercourses throughout the City, ensuring that trash screens are kept clear of debris. To assist in this operation sensors have been fitted to some of these trash screens that automatically warn of rising water levels and alert the operative.

### Community Engagement

With the assistance of the National Floods Forum, (a national charity that supports flood victims) the Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water and Nottingham City Council have carried out community engagement with the residents of Old Basford. As well as raising the awareness of flood risk amongst citizens, and informing them of the measures being taken to reduce flood risk across this catchment, this forum has also given the flood risk management authorities the opportunity to understand the concerns of these citizens.

In recognition of the need to improve community engagement, as well as providing a more effective flood risk management service the Council is in the process of filling a number of vacant flood risk management posts. Once the team is fully up to strength, Nottingham City Council's ability to act effectively as Lead Local Flood Authority, will be greatly enhanced. In addition it needs to be recognised that flood risk management is a small part of a large number of officers work, for example planners to ensure that new developments do not increase flood risk, emergency planners to ensure that we are prepared and capable to assist citizens displaced from their homes, the Council as a landlord, as well as those members of staff that ensure that highway gullies work effectively.

## **Capital Investment**

In addition the Council has been progressing with the following Capital investment schemes:

### City Wide, Property level protection programme

The first phase of this project was delivered in early 2016, and 30 properties have now a significantly higher resilience against repeat flooding. New flood doors, including patio doors, have been fitted along with special air bricks, and sealing any other gaps through which water could enter the houses. Even though the scheme was implemented by the City Council, using funds from Defra, the measures are the property of the home-owner.

The second phase of this work to protect a further 40 properties is currently being procured, and it is anticipated that the work will be completed by 31 March 2017, in line with the funding requirement.

### Woolsington Close, Strelley; Surface Water Management Scheme

This scheme redirects flood water away from a 14 properties and into Broxtowe Country Park, where it can be stored, and discharged slowly through the existing drainage system without causing a nuisance. The scheme was constructed in April 2016.

### Mapperley Park Surface Water Management Scheme

The regular flooding in Mapperley Park and on Mansfield Road is not a problem that Nottingham City Council can solve alone. Consequently Severn Trent Water and Nottingham City Council are progressing with a joint project to reduce the risk of flooding at this location. The first step is detailed hydraulic modelling, so that we can understand better what affordable measures could be taken. The funding available at the moment is only for the modelling and development, but there is an indication that further funding may be available towards the end of the 6 year flood defence programme.

### Colmon Close, Top Valley; Surface water Management Scheme

Funding is available within the current financial year to implement a flood alleviation scheme at this location. Consultants have carried out detailed modelling work and proposed a series of measures. Since some of these are quite complex, it is unlikely that the scheme will be fully implemented before 31-3-2017, and therefore the Council is in discussion with the Environment Agency about the possibility of deferring implementation of the scheme until 2017/18. Unfortunately there is no guarantee that funds will be available in future financial years.

## Day Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Environment Agency are leading on this scheme. To address flooding issues in this rapid response catchment, it is likely that work will be required within both the County and City areas. Even though some funding is available from Defra in the form of Flood Defence Grant in Aid, match funding will also be required in order to implement the scheme. Consequently a bid has been made to the European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) for a wide ranging project to enhance blue / green infrastructure. Should this bid be successful then this will provide some match funding for the flood alleviation scheme.

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| Flood Risk Management Actions |   | Strategy Objectives Met | Priority | Timescale | Lead & Partner Organisations   | Estimated cost                        | Potential funding sources                              | Funding Status      |                       |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------|-----------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                               |   |                         |          |           |  |                                       |  | Under investigation | Indicative Allocation |
| <b>Statutory Duties</b>       |   |                         |          |           |  |                                       |  |                     |                       |
| S1                            | Develop a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (Section 9 of the Flood & Water Management Act (FWMA))   | All                     | High     | Short     | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City<br><b>Partners:</b> all RMAs                          | Existing resource                     | Existing resource                                      |                     | ✓                     |
| S2                            | Lead on investigations into flooding incidents that meet local thresholds (Section 19 FWMA)   | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7        | High     | Ongoing   | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City<br><b>Partners:</b> all RMAs                          | Existing resource                     | Existing resource                                      |                     | ✓                     |
| S3                            | Develop a comprehensive register of flood risk management assets and features to replace the interim register (Section 21 FWMA)   | 1, 3, 7                 | Medium   | Medium    | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City   | Existing resource                     | Existing resource                                      |                     | ✓                     |
| S4                            | Continue to support the work of the Development Management, Regeneration and Planning Policy teams, Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency to ensure that development is sustainable on flood risk grounds (Section 27 FWMA)   | 1, 2, 5, 6              | High     | Ongoing   | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City   | Existing resource                     | Existing resource                                      |                     | ✓                     |
| S5                            | Identify and designate features that may have a significant impact on flood risk (Schedule 1 FWMA)  | 1, 4, 7                 | Low      | Ongoing   | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City<br><b>Partners:</b> all RMAs                          | Existing resource                     | Existing resource                                      |                     | ✓                     |
| S6                            | Make preparations for changes to the National Planning Policy Framework that will require SuDS in all major development. Prepare a Supplementary Planning Document. (amendment to the National Planning Policy Framework that supersedes Schedule 3 FWMA)                             | 1, 2, 5                 | Medium   | Short     | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City   | TBC                                   | Existing resource supplemented using Defra Grant Award | ✓                   |                       |
| <b>Asset Management</b>       |   |                         |          |           |  |                                       |  |                     |                       |
| A1                            | Continue to implement the recommendations of the Urban Highway Drainage Good Practice Guide, including asset data collection and condition surveys, electronic records of maintenance and flooding and a targeted risk-based approach to maintenance regimes and tree leaf clearance. | 1, 3, 6, 7              | High     | Ongoing   | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City   | Existing resource and revenue budgets | Existing NCC Highway Services budget                   |                     | ✓                     |
| A2                            | Continue to clear watercourse trash screens proactively and reactively, informed by telemetry systems.  | 3, 7                    | High     | Ongoing   | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City   | Existing resource and revenue budgets | Existing NCC Drainage budget                           |                     | ✓                     |
| A3                            | Implement and record a cyclical programme of asset inspections, including CCTV surveys, asset data improvements and site inspections.   | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7           | Medium   | Short     | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City   | £10,000 per annum                     | Defra Area Based Grant                                 | ✓                   |                       |
| <b>Community Engagement</b>   |   |                         |          |           |  |                                       |  |                     |                       |
| C1                            | Working in partnership with RMAs, develop a prioritised and targeted community engagement strategy with at risk communities.  | 1, 3, 4                 | Medium   | Medium    | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City<br><b>Partners:</b> Environment Agency & Severn Trent | Existing resource                     | Existing resource                                      |                     | ✓                     |
| C2                            | Investigate options for entering into partnerships with suppliers to support communities in protecting their own properties by obtaining self-help measures at a lower cost.  | 1, 3, 4, 5              | Medium   | Short     | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City   | Existing resource                     | Existing resource                                      |                     | ✓                     |

| Flood Risk Management Actions   | Associated Strategy Objectives | Priority | Timescale             | Lead & Partner Organisations   | Estimated cost      | Potential funding sources   | Funding Status      |                       |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--|---------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
|   |                                |          |                       |  |                     |   | Under investigation | Indicative Allocation |
| <b>Nottingham City Medium Term Plan (Capital Investment Schemes)</b>  |                                |          |                       |  |                     |   |                     |                       |
| <b>Broxtowe Park Brook, Broxtowe: Capital Maintenance and Flood Alleviation Scheme (Map Reference 07 in Error! Reference source not found.)</b> |                                |          |                       |  | <b>£1,130,000</b>   |   |                     |                       |
| Silt removal and silt management scheme   | 1, 3, 5                        | High     | Medium                | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City<br><b>Partner:</b> Severn Trent, Nottinghamshire County, Broxtowe Borough   | £90,000             | Central Government (Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA)), Local Levy, Nottingham City Council  | ✓                   |                       |
| Modelling, mapping and flood risk management option development   | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7               | Medium   | Medium                |  | £40,000             |   |                     | ✓                     |
| Design, construction and delivery flood risk management scheme  | 3, 5, 6                        | Medium   | Long                  |  | £1,000,000          |   |                     | ✓                     |
| <b>Tottle Brook, Wollaton: Flood Alleviation Scheme (Map Reference 16 in Error! Reference source not found.)</b>                                |                                |          |                       |  | <b>£800,000</b>     |   |                     |                       |
| Modelling, mapping and flood risk management option development   | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7               | Medium   | Medium                | <b>Lead:</b> Environment Agency<br><b>Partner:</b> Nottingham City, Severn Trent, Nottinghamshire County, Broxtowe Borough                         | £50,000             | Central Government (FDGiA), Local Levy, Nottingham City Council   |                     | ✓                     |
| Design, construction and delivery flood risk management scheme  | 3, 5, 6                        | Medium   | Long                  |  | £750,000            |   | ✓                   |                       |
| <b>Colmon Close, Top Valley: Surface Water Management Scheme (Map Reference 04 in Error! Reference source not found.)</b>                       |                                |          |                       |  | <b>£390,000</b>     |   |                     |                       |
| Modelling, mapping and flood risk management option development   | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7               | Medium   | Short                 | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City   | £30,000             | Central Government (FDGiA), Local Levy, Nottingham City Council   |                     | ✓                     |
| Design, construction and delivery flood risk management scheme  | 3, 5, 6                        | Medium   | Short                 |  | £360,000            |   |                     | ✓                     |
| <b>Day Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme (Map Reference 09 in Error! Reference source not found.)</b>  |                                |          |                       |  | <b>£2,300,000</b>   |   |                     |                       |
| Catchment-Based Approach scoping study, covering Old Basford, parts of Sherwood and Arnold  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7            | High     | Short                 | <b>Lead:</b> Environment Agency<br><b>Partner:</b> Nottingham City, Nottinghamshire County, Severn Trent, Gedling Borough, developers / landowners | £30,000             | Local Enterprise Partnership, Central Government (FDGiA), Local Levy, Nottingham City Council, New Homes Bonus, Developer contributions |                     | ✓                     |
| Modelling, mapping and flood risk management option development   | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7               | High     | Medium                |  | £50,000             |   | ✓                   |                       |
| Design, construction and delivery flood risk management scheme  | 3, 5, 6                        | High     | Long                  |  | £2,220,000          |   | ✓                   |                       |
| <b>City-wide Individual Property Level Protection Programme</b>   |                                |          |                       |  | <b>£338,238</b>     |   |                     |                       |
| Deliver Property Level Protection to approximately 70 properties across the City between 2015/16 – 2021/22                                      | 1, 3, 4                        | High     | Short through to long | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City   | £4,832 per property | Central Government (FDGiA), Local Levy, Nottingham City Council, Property owner contributions   | ✓                   | ✓                     |

| Flood Risk Management Actions  | Associated Strategy Objectives | Priority | Timescale | Lead & Partner Organisations  | Estimated cost    | Potential funding sources   | Funding Status      |                       |
|--|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|---|-------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
|  |                                |          |           |   |                   |   | Under investigation | Indicative Allocation |
| <b>Nottingham City Medium Term Plan (Capital Investment Schemes)</b>   |                                |          |           |   |                   |   |                     |                       |
| <b>Mapperley Park Surface Water Management Scheme (Map Reference 12 in Error! Reference source not found.)</b>               |                                |          |           |   | <b>£970,000</b>   |   |                     |                       |
| Modelling, mapping and flood risk management option development  | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7               | Medium   | Short     | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City<br><b>Partner:</b> Severn Trent                                | £40,000           | Central Government (FDGiA), Local Levy, Nottingham City Council, Severn Trent Water   | ✓                   |                       |
| Design, construction and delivery flood risk management scheme   | 3, 5, 6                        | Medium   | Medium    |   | £850,000          |   | ✓                   |                       |
| <b>River Leen, Bobbers Mill Flood Alleviation Scheme</b>   |                                |          |           |   | <b>£2,700,000</b> |   |                     |                       |
| Modelling, mapping and flood risk management option development  | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7               | Medium   | Long      | <b>Lead:</b> Nottingham City<br><b>Partner:</b> Environment Agency, developers / landowners | £50,000           | Local Enterprise Partnership, Central Government (FDGiA), Local Levy, Nottingham City Council, New Homes Bonus, Developer contributions | ✓                   |                       |
| Design, construction and delivery flood risk management scheme   | 3, 5, 6                        | Medium   | Long      |   | £2,650,000        |   | ✓                   |                       |
| <b>Woolsington Close, Strelley: Surface Water Management Scheme (Map Reference 06 in Error! Reference source not found.)</b> |                                |          |           |   | <b>£270,000</b>   |   |                     |                       |
| Modelling, mapping and flood risk management option development  | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7               | Medium   | Short     | Lead: Nottingham City   | £30,000           | Central Government (FDGiA), Local Levy, Nottingham City Council   |                     | ✓                     |
| Design, construction and delivery flood risk management scheme   | 3, 5, 6                        | Medium   | Short     |   | £240,000          |   |                     | ✓                     |





### **Overview of Environment Agency (EA) Flood and Coastal Risk Management (FCRM) Activities in the City of Nottingham**

#### **General**

The EA is responsible under the Floods and Water Management Act 2010 for the management of main rivers, but work in partnership with Lead Local Flood Authorities, like Nottingham City Council, in exercising our Strategic Overview role, and in the delivery of the FCRM Capital Investment Programme.

Within the City the main rivers include the River Trent for its whole length through Nottingham, The River Leen, from Bestwood Village to its confluence with the River Trent, near The Meadows, The Day Brook, from Arnold to Old Basford and to the west of the City the Tottle Brook in Wollaton. On the south side of the City there is also the Fairham Brook and the Nethergate Brook in Clifton.

#### **Asset Performance and Field Operations**

We undertake routine maintenance of critical FCRM assets on the River Trent, River Leen, Day Brook, Tottle Brook, Fairham Brook and Nethergate Brook. The types of work we do, range from tree and bush maintenance alongside river corridors, through to CCTV inspections of culverts, to ensure they are not blocked by silt or other water borne debris.

Our Field Teams will ensure trash screens are clear during poor weather and periods of high flow, particularly in the Day Brook and River Leen catchment.

We regularly review the operation of our assets and where necessary we will replace or improve assets. For example, we are currently developing a business case to fund the construction of a new automated trash screen at the entrance to the Day Brook culvert on the Nottingham High School playing fields.

#### **Partnership and Strategic Overview**

The PSO Team respond to planning consultations that have high flood risk implications. We are currently reviewing the proposed new hockey pitches at the Nottingham High School, to ensure that any redevelopment does not increase flood risk either to the proposed development or to the existing built environment in the vicinity. We are also working with the City to consider the regeneration of sites in Old Basford, with a view to stimulating economic growth and delivering flood risk improvements.

The team also regulate activities, such as building bridges, installing new services, or fencing, close to, or within the water environment. This is to ensure that they are correctly permitted and flood risk is not increased by the proposed activity.

The PSO team lead on the development of the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) approved FCRM Capital Investment Programme. This includes the Day Brook which is within the National 6 year Programme in 2020. Consultants working upon our behalf have produced an Initial Assessment that has identified flood risk options and we are currently considering the best way forward. We are working with the City Council, STW, Nottinghamshire County Council and Gedling Borough Council, as well as critical landowners to consider how funding gaps between available Flood Defence Grant In Aid (FDGIA) and the cost of a future scheme can be addressed in partnership.

We look to deliver environmental benefits as well as FCRM benefits, where possible. The successful delivery of future FCRM schemes are dependent upon external contributions, as well as FDGIA and we have supported the bid for European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for blue/green infrastructure, within the City of Nottingham.

Improving techniques around modelling of watercourses provides us with opportunities to improve flood risk data. PSO identify areas for data improvement and the Tottle Brook is programmed to be modelled in 2018/19. This will provide an opportunity to better understand the flood risk from this watercourse and to assess if future FCRM improvements are required from this new data set.

### **Flood Resilience**

We provide flood warnings to professional partners, households and businesses throughout the City. We issue Flood Warnings and Alerts on the Trent corridor through the City and also along the River Leen and Day Brook. We issue warnings to City communities that include Ventnor Rise, Heathfield, Old Basford, Bulwell, Bobbers Mill, Radford and Lenton, The Meadows, Wilford and Queen's Drive. Approximately 5,400 properties and businesses are signed up to receive warnings. This represents approximately a 40% coverage of properties and businesses at flood risk within each community. Ventnor Rise has a 64% sign up to the flood warning service. The community have received 4 warnings in the last 13 months.

Our Flood Resilience Team ensure that EA staff are trained to be Major Incident Ready, as well as work alongside LRF's in an incident management capacity. We are also currently working with Nottingham City Emergency Planners to update their local information as part of our Local Resilience Forum flood plan improvements programme.

We work with the National Flood Forum to improve community awareness of flood risk, particularly in areas affected by rapid response watercourses, such as the Day Brook. Along with the City Council and STW, we have been attending 6 monthly meetings with residents from Old Basford and the Heathfield Estate. These meetings are a useful opportunity to exchange information between residents and professional partners with respect to flood warnings and longer term plans to manage flood risk in the Day Brook catchment.

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| <b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>                             |
| <b>7 DECEMBER 2016</b>   |
| <b>WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17</b>                                      |
| <b>REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGY AND RESOURCES</b> |

**1. Purpose**

To consider and set the overall programme and timetable for scrutiny activity for the forthcoming year.

**2. Action required**

The Committee is asked to

- 2.1 note the items scheduled on the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Review Panels for 2016/17.

**3. Background information**

- 3.1 One of the main roles of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is setting, managing and co-ordinating the overall programme of scrutiny work.

This includes:

- mapping out an initial programme for scrutiny at the start of the municipal year
- monitoring progress against the programme throughout the year, and making amendments as required
- evaluating the impact of scrutiny activity and using lessons learnt to inform future decisions about scrutiny activity.

- 3.4 In setting the programme for scrutiny activity, the Committee should aim for an outcome-focused work programme that has clear priorities and is matched against the resources available to deliver the programme. It is intended to hold fewer, but more in depth reviews which will enable panels to explore and challenge more.

Commissioning scrutiny reviews

- 3.5 Delivery of the programme will primarily be through the commissioning of time-limited (2 to 3 meetings maximum) review panels to carry out reviews into specific, focused topics. All reviews must have the potential to make a positive impact on improving the wellbeing of local communities and people who live and/or work in Nottingham; and to ensure resources are used to their full potential, reviews must have a clear and tight focus and be set a realistic but challenging timetable for their completion.

- 3.6 In setting the programme of scrutiny reviews, it is important that the programme has flexibility to incorporate unplanned scrutiny work

requested in-year. However, the Committee will only be able to schedule unplanned work after it has reassessed priorities across the scrutiny programme and considered the impact on existing reviews of the diversion of resources. When the Committee monitors the overall programme for scrutiny at each meeting there will be opportunity to do this.

- 3.7 The Committee held a workshop session in March 2016 and identified a number of areas for consideration during 2016/17. These topics have been identified and are listed in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.8 When establishing a review panel, the Committee needs to decide on:
- a clear and tight remit for the review
  - a timescale within which the review should be carried out
  - size of review panel, including whether any co-opted members should be involved
  - chair of the review panel (to be appointed from the pool of five scrutiny chairs)
- and should have regard to the need over the year to engage as many councillors as possible in the scrutiny process.

#### Policy briefings

- 3.9 Through the process of developing the programme for scrutiny, the Committee may identify issues which call for a policy briefing. The purpose of these briefings is to inform councillors about a current key issue or to prepare councillors for review work that has been commissioned. These informal briefings will not be occasions for scrutiny to be carried out, although they may result in a suggestion for a new scrutiny topic, which would need to be considered by this Committee against the current programme for scrutiny and available resource.
- 3.10 Policy briefings will not form part of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's agenda but will be held separately and be open to all councillors to attend.

#### Monitoring programme for scrutiny

- 3.11 On an ongoing basis the Committee will be responsible for managing and co-ordinating the programme for scrutiny and assessing the impact of scrutiny activity. At all future meetings the Committee will monitor the progress of the programme, making amendments as appropriate.

### **4. List of attached information**

- 4.1 The following information can be found in the appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 - feasibility criteria for topics

Appendix 2 - long list of main scrutiny topics

Appendix 3 - long-list of potential future OSC/SRP topics

5. **Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

5.1 None

6. **Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1 None

7. **Wards affected**

7.1 Citywide

8. **Contact information**

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## Appendix 1

### Feasibility Criteria

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| <b>Decision making and being a critical friend</b> | <b>Is it a topic/key decision which requires consultation with Overview and Scrutiny <u>prior</u> to the decision being taken.</b>   | Yes – include.<br>No – apply other criteria and consider removing   |
| <b>Public Interest and relevance</b>               | <b>Is the topic still relevant in terms of it still being an issue for citizens, partners or the council in terms of performance, delivery or cancellation of services?</b>  | Yes – apply other criteria and consider inclusion<br>No – apply other criteria and consider removing                          |
| <b>Ability to change or influence</b>              | <b>Can the Committee actively influence the council or its partners to accept recommendations and ensure positive outcomes for citizens and therefore be able to demonstrate the value and impact that scrutiny can have?</b>  | Yes – apply other criteria and consider inclusion<br>No – apply other criteria and consider removing                          |
| <b>Range and scope of impact</b>                   | <b>Is this a large topic area impacting on significant areas of the population and the council’s partners <u>or significant impact on minority groups</u>.<br/><br/>Is there interest from partners and colleagues to undertake and support this review and will it be beneficial?</b> | Yes – apply other criteria and consider inclusion<br>No – apply other criteria and consider removing                          |
| <b>Avoidance of duplication of effort</b>          | <b>Is this topic area very similar to one already being scrutinised in another arena or has it already been investigated in the recent past?</b>   | Yes – consider involvement in the existing activity or consider removing<br>No – apply other criteria and consider inclusion. |

Work Programme 2016/17

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| 4 January 2017  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tourism in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire</b><br/><br/>(Hugh White, Director of Sports, Culture and Parks)</li> <li>• <b>Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years</b><br/>To consider an update from the Portfolio Holder on his Council plans, priorities and challenges<br/>(Councillor David Mellen)</li> <li>• <b>Work Programme</b><br/>To agree a draft work programme for 2016/17</li> </ul> |
| 8 February 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Housing and the Private Rented Sector in Nottingham</b><br/><br/>(Housing)</li> <li>• <b>Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Schools</b><br/>To consider an update from the Portfolio Holder on his Council plans, priorities and challenges<br/>(Councillor Sam Webster)</li> <li>• <b>Work Programme</b><br/>To agree a draft work programme for 2016/17</li> </ul>   |
| 8 March 2017    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cycling Strategy in Nottingham</b><br/><br/>(Transport colleagues)</li> <li>• <b>Work Programme</b><br/>To agree a draft work programme for 2016/17</li> </ul>   |

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| <b>5 April 2017</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="526 199 1993 311">• <b>Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing</b><br/>To consider an update from the Portfolio Holder on her Council plans, priorities and challenges<br/>(Councillor Jane Urquhart)</li><br/><li data-bbox="526 343 1220 422">• <b>Work Programme Session</b><br/>To agree a draft work programme for 2017/18</li></ul> |
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Scrutiny Review Topics 2016/17

|   | <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Comments</b>  |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | <b>Graduate retention and recruitment in Nottingham</b> – a review to look more closely at what work is taking place to improve and encourage graduates to remain in the city.            | <p><b>Status – to be scheduled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Azad Choudhry to chair the Panel.</li> <li>• Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.</li> </ul> |
| 2 | <b>Impact of Welfare Reform in Nottingham</b> – What is the impact of the Welfare Reforms introduced in April 2013 on citizens and services in Nottingham.                                | <p><b>Status – to be scheduled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Glyn Jenkins to chair the Panel.</li> <li>• Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.</li> </ul>  |
| 3 | <b>Fracking in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire</b> – a review to look closely at the impact of fracking in Nottingham and neighbouring authorities.  | <p><b>Status – to be scheduled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Brian Parbutt to chair the Panel.</li> <li>• Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.</li> </ul> |
| 4 | <b>Effectiveness of Nottingham City Council's consultation process</b>  | <p><b>Status – to be scheduled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Glyn Jenkins to chair the Panel.</li> <li>• Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.</li> </ul>  |
| 5 | <b>Parking enforcement in Nottingham</b>  | <p><b>Status – to be scheduled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Azad Choudhry to chair the Panel.</li> <li>• Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.</li> </ul> |
| 6 | <b>Housing regeneration in Nottingham</b> – Nottingham City Council aims to build 2,500 new houses that Nottingham people can afford to rent or buy. Is that a deliverable target?        | <p><b>Status – to be scheduled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Sue Johnson to chair the Panel.</li> <li>• Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.</li> </ul>   |
| 7 | <b>Cycling in Nottingham</b> – Nottingham City Council has an ambitious vision for a cycle city and recently secured £6.1m to kick start an overhaul of the Council's cycling facilities. | <p><b>Status – to be scheduled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Glyn Jenkins to chair the Panel.</li> <li>• Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.</li> </ul>  |

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