

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee
9 December 2020**

Flooding – Mitigation Work in the City

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To receive information on the work carried out and planned for the future to mitigate against flooding in the city.

2 Action required

- 2.1 To consider the information provided and use it to inform questioning and make recommendations, where appropriate.

3 Background information

- 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 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 The Committee was last updated on the work to mitigate flooding in the city in December 2016. An update was due to be considered in December 2019, but had to be rescheduled and has been delayed due to the ongoing pandemic.
- 3.3 This meeting will allow the Committee to receive information on the work that has taken place since December 2016, and work planned for the future.
- 3.4 Representatives from the Council, Severn Trent Water and the Environment AGency will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the work and respond to queries.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Reports from the Council, Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency.

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 All.

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