

<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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