

GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES

SCRUTINY PANEL

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LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Report of the Director for Places (Environment, Planning & Transport)

Strategic Aim:	Sustainable Growth		
Exempt Information		No	
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Ward Councillors	Not applicable		

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel:

1. Comments on the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy contained in Appendix 1.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Growth, Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny Panel to comment on the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS).

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Growth, Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny Panel is the Council's overview and scrutiny committee for flood risk management.
- 2.2 Rutland County Council is designated as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) by the Flood Water Management Act. One of the duties of a LLFA is to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management.
- 2.3 'Local flood risk' is defined as flooding from surface runoff, groundwater and 'ordinary' watercourses. It is not required to cover 'main river' flooding, which remains the responsibility of the Environment Agency.

2.4 A draft LFRMS has been prepared for consultation (see Appendix 1). The legislation requires consultation with other risk management authorities (e.g. the Environment Agency and water companies) and with the public.

2.5 A Preliminary Flood Risk assessment (PFRA) for Rutland was published in 2011 and concluded that flood risk in Rutland was very low. This was revised in 2017 and identified a potential increased risk from surface water flooding.

3 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Council is required to produce a local flood risk management strategy. The Growth, Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny Panel is invited to comment on the draft strategy contained in Appendix 1.

4 BACKGROUND PAPERS

4.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

5 APPENDICES

5.1 Appendix 1 – Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – Draft for Consultation

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