

Suffolk Flood Risk Joint Scrutiny Sub-Committee

30 October 2015

Review of the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy

Summary

1. The Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, which was first published in February 2013, is currently under review to reflect updated legislation and locally developed policies.

Objective of Scrutiny

2. This agenda item provides the Sub-Committee with the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the strategy document.

Scrutiny Focus

3. The scope of this scrutiny has been developed to provide the Committee with information to come to a view on the following key questions:
 - a) What are the proposed amendments to the Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy?
 - b) Why have these amendments been proposed?
 - c) Are the revisions clear?
 - d) Are there further matters that should be considered for inclusion in the revised strategy?
4. Having considered the information, the Committee may wish to:
 - a) make recommendations to the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership.

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Background

5. The Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership (SFRMP), which includes representatives from Water Undertakers, District and County Councils, Internal Drainage Boards, the Environment Agency, the Highways Agency, , the National Farmers Union and Suffolk Resilience Forum, is responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of any actions required as a result of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Flood Risk Regulations 2009.
6. The Partnership meets quarterly and minutes of its meetings can be found on its website, which is available at the following address:
<http://www.greensuffolk.org/SFRMP/>
7. The Partnership is responsible for publishing a local plan called the “Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy”, which is designed to help everyone in Suffolk to understand and manage the risk of flooding. A summary document (“managing flood risk in Suffolk”) is also available, and an Action Plan provides information on progress towards achieving outcomes.
8. The Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy was first published in February 2013 and is currently under review. This agenda item provides the Sub-Committee with the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the document, which are provided as Evidence Set 1.

Main body of evidence

9. The following written evidence is appended to this report:

Evidence Set 1 – scoping documents for amendments to the Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, provided by the Flood & Coastal Policy Manager, Suffolk County Council.

Evidence Set 2 – proposed revisions to the Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, provided by the Flood & Coastal Policy Manager, Suffolk County Council.

A glossary is provided on page 89 of the agenda documents

Supporting information

Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (2013 version), summary and Action Plan (updated regularly) <http://www.greensuffolk.org/about/SFRMP/>