

Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel

Agenda
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Meeting Date: 16th January 2019
Portfolio: Economy, Enterprise & Housing
Key Decision: No
Within Policy and Budget Framework Yes
Public / Private Public

Title: Flood Risk Management and Community Resilience
Report of: Policy & Communications Manager
Report Number: PC 03/20

Purpose / Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview on Flood Risk Management Scheme and Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership work.

Recommendations:

- The Panel is asked to note the report - more detail will be included in the presentation from the Environment Agency.

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Introduction

The Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel has received updates on future flood risk management since the Storm Desmond flood event, December 2015. The most recent update was 22nd November 2018, with a presentation from Environment Agency and Cumbria County Council. The updated presentation set out the phases of flood defences that were planned for Carlisle. The presentation also included an overview of the Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership and the Winter Ready Campaign.

1.2 Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership

The Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership (CSFP) brings together Flood Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) including Environment Agency, Cumbria County Council, District Councils and United Utilities and a wide range of representatives from other organisations and community groups who have an interest or responsibility for flood risk management.

The CSFP held a workshop in December 2019 to set out the steps towards a Cumbria-wide flood strategy. More information on the CSFP can be found on the [Flood Hub](#) and [CSFP](#) websites.

1.3 Environment Agency Future Flood Risk Management Schemes

The Environment Agency's [Handbook](#) and [Newsletter](#), February 2019, provides details on four phases of Flood Risk Management Scheme for Carlisle. These phases are:

- Phase 1 – Melbourne Park, Durranshill and Tesco area (Rivers Eden & Petteril)
- Phase 2 – Sands Centre, Bitts Park, Etterby Terrace, West Coast Mainline Eden Crossing, A7 (Eden Bridge) conveyance area (River Eden)
- Phase 3 – Willowholme, Maltings and Caldew downstream of A595 (River Eden & Caldew)
- Phase 4 - Caldew upstream of A595 to Denton Holme and Harraby Green (River Caldew & Petteril)

In addition to these phases the newsletter states that the Environment Agency are currently working to deliver flood risk management works on Gosling Sike.

Environment Agency has received planning permission from the Council for the Phase 1 planning application (19/0601) on 26th April 2019.

A Phase 1 Newsletter was published in **July 2019**, setting out the details for this phase and the plan for the next two phases. Work began on Phase 1 in July but was paused in October until Spring due to wet weather making the ground conditions difficult.

1.4 Draft national strategy consultation

Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership made a response to the recent consultation on National Flood & Coastal Erosion Management Strategy from the Environment Agency. This was endorsed by the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership. The response is available via the link below: [**Response to the consultation from the CSFP.**](#)

2. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

Flood risk management is a key strategy for the health, wellbeing and economic prosperity of the people of Carlisle.

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**Appendices
attached to report:**

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

**LEGAL -
FINANCE –
EQUALITY –
INFORMATION GOVERNANCE –**