

## Durham Strategic Flood Prevention Group

**Friday 6 September 2019**

**9.00 a.m. to 10.10 a.m.**

**Conference Room 4C,**

**Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ**

Present:

Claire Barry (CB) [Minutes], PA to Head of Technical Services, Durham County Council  
 Brian Weatherall (BW) [Chair], Acting Drainage & Coastal Protection Manager, Durham County Council  
 Stephen Hudson (SH), Senior Project Officer, Wear Rivers Trust  
 Councillor Bill Kellett (BK), Durham County Council/NRFCC Member  
 Zoe Lewin (ZL), Senior Spatial Policy Officer, Durham County Council  
 Stephen Merrett (SM), FCRM Partnerships and Strategic Overview Team Leader for Durham and Tees Valley, Environment Agency  
 Ray Sillito (RS), Emergency Response and Resilience Planning Manager, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service

Apologies:

Brian Buckley (BB), Strategic Highways Manager, Durham County Council  
 Anna Caygill (AC), Community Engagement Officer, Environment Agency  
 Peter Nailon (PN), Director, Wear Rivers Trust  
 Steena Nasapen-Watson (SNW), Sustainable Sewerage Manager, Northumbrian Water  
 John Reed (JR), Head of Technical Services, Durham County Council

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Assigned Officer</b>	<b>By When</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 4 June 2019</b></p> <p>No issues were raised.</p>	-	-
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b><i>NFM Feasibility Report</i></b> SH provided the report to the group on 6 September 2019.</p> <p><b><i>Lanchester</i></b></p> <p>) Press Release: SH provided the press release to the group on 6 September 2019; BW is to liaise with the Communications Department at Durham County Council to determine if this could be publicised as a joint press release.</p> <p>) Proposal: BW is to provide the scheme details and construction drawings to RS.</p> <p><b><i>Property Level Flood Resilience Pathfinder</i></b> A proposal was submitted however this was unsuccessful. It was noted that NRFCC are interested in the proposal.</p>	<p>-</p> <p><b>BW</b></p> <p><b>BW</b></p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p><b>30.09.19</b></p> <p><b>30.09.19</b></p> <p>-</p>

	<p><b>Rainwater Harvesting</b> The presentation was circulated.</p>	-	-
3.	<p><b>Capital Programme – Dashboard Report</b></p> <p><b>DCC Schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bridge End, Barnard Castle: The works have been completed.</li> <li>▪ Allensford Drainage Works: The works have been completed.</li> <li>▪ Ferryhill Leisure Centre: The works have been completed.</li> <li>▪ Chester-le-Street: The completion date has been deferred until April 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>EA Schemes</b> A re-scoping exercise is being undertaken to determine what is feasible for the demonstration site. SM is to provide the engagement plans to CB for circulation to the group.</p> <p><b>NW Schemes</b> NW have advised that there are no changes.</p> <p><b>Surface Water Risk Maps</b> EA have received an enquiry querying the accuracy of these maps; SM is to provide the information to BW for a progress meeting that is taking place on 9 September 2019.</p>	- - - -  <b>SM</b>  -  <b>SM</b>	- - - -  <b>30.09.19</b>  -  <b>09.09.19</b>
4.	<p><b>Update on Durham Medium Term Plan (MTP)</b></p> <p>BW provided an update on the Stage 1 and Stage 2 studies under the section entitled “Capital Programme – Dashboard Report”.</p>	-	-
5.	<p><b>Update on Flood Investigations</b></p> <p>DCC have received 52 requests for investigations from 31 May 2019 to 31 August 2019; 13 have been completed. There were 67 requests carried over from the previous period. There are 106 requests that are to be completed.</p> <p>A breakdown of the investigations detailed by the geographical areas is provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chester le Street: 3</li> <li>▪ Derwentside: 20</li> <li>▪ Durham: 4</li> <li>▪ Easington: 9</li> <li>▪ Sedgefield: 6</li> <li>▪ Teesdale: 2</li> <li>▪ Wear Valley: 8</li> </ul> <p>A breakdown of the investigations detailed by the source of the flooding is provided below:</p>	-  -  -	-  -  -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sewer: 0</li> <li>▪ Highway: 1</li> <li>▪ Overland: 2</li> <li>▪ River/water: 2</li> <li>▪ Other/uncategorised: 47</li> </ul>		
6.	<p><b>Update from the Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (NRFCC)</b></p> <p><b><i>Programme Performance Update</i></b> BW provided a verbal update; no issues were raised.</p> <p><b><i>Programme for 2019/2020</i></b> BW provided a verbal update; no issues were raised.</p> <p><b><i>Local Levy Requests and Changes</i></b> BW provided a verbal update; no issues were raised.</p> <p><b><i>Committee Overview - Aspects of Flood &amp; Coastal Risk Management</i></b> BW provided a verbal update; no issues were raised.</p> <p><b><i>FCRM Programme Refresh 2020/2021</i></b> BW provided a verbal update; no issues were raised.</p> <p><b><i>EA Drone Operations</i></b> BW provided a verbal update; no issues were raised.</p> <p><b><i>EA Decommissioning - Permanent Withdrawal of Assets Maintenance</i></b> BW provided a verbal update; no issues were raised.</p> <p><b><i>Report of Chair, Phil Rothwell</i></b> BW provided a verbal update; no issues were raised.</p> <p><b><i>Group Membership</i></b> New Independent Members have been recruited whereby the Chair is keen for these to be involved in partnership meetings. The group confirmed their agreement that Jim Cokhill should be invited to future meetings; SM is to email Jim Cokhill and is to copy CB into this email.</p> <p><b><i>Environment Subgroup</i></b> It was noted that all Authorities are supportive of the formulation of a subgroup with the exception of Tees Valley; SM is to provide an update to the next meeting of NRFCC.</p>	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - SM SM 30.09.19 11.10.19
7.	<p><b>Northumbrian Integrated Drainage Partnership (NIDP)</b></p> <p>A grant is available from the Government regarding improving</p>	SM	05.12.19

	surface water flood risk; SM is investigating whether a bid could be submitted as part of the NIDP partnership and is to provide an update at the next meeting.		
<b>8.</b>	<b>FCRM Resilience</b>  AC circulated the FCRM Resilience Durham & Darlington Highlight Report for August on 30 August 2019; no issues were raised.	-	-
<b>9.</b>	<b>Plans</b>  <b><i>Flood Risk Management Plan</i></b> No issues were raised.  <b><i>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</i></b> An independent inspector has been appointed in relation to taking the County Durham Plan through the examination stage.  <b><i>Local Flood Risk Management Strategy</i></b> This was presented to NRFCC as it is a requirement under EU legislation. The renewal of the second cycle of flood risk plans is to be undertaken. The Flood Risk Management Plan is to be produced by June 2020 with a view to publicising the final version by December 2020. A letter was sent to Chief Executives requesting assistance from Local Authorities; SM is to provide a copy of the letter to ZL and BW.  <b><i>Surface Water Management Plan</i></b> No issues were raised.  <b><i>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment</i></b> No issues were raised.  <b><i>Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)</i></b> It was noted that NW may adopt sewers; a further update is to be provided in due course.  <b><i>Catchment Partnership Business Plan</i></b> No issues were raised.	-  -  <b>SM</b>  -  -  -  -	-  -  <b>30.09.19</b>  -  -  -
<b>10.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>  <b><i>FCRM Strategy</i></b> Consultation took place over the summer period on the draft strategy where strong support was received. EA are producing an implementation plan and are updating the strategy to include the priority recommendations. This is to be submitted to Parliament during the latter part of 2019 and is to be publicised in Spring 2020.	-	-

	<p><b>NRFCC</b> Councillor Bill Kellett was introduced and welcomed to the group as the newly appointed NRFCC Member.</p> <p><b>Cold Sewage System - 23 Hillside View, Sherburn Village</b> BK advised that there is an issue with the cold sewage system at this location; BW is to investigate and provide an update to BK.</p>	-	-
		<b>BW</b>	<b>30.09.19</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>9.00 a.m. Thursday 5 December 2019</b> <b>Executive Meeting Room (5-2),</b> <b>Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ</b></p>	-	-