



Durham Strategic Flood Prevention Group

Minutes from the Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th August 2014, 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., Conference Room 4B, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ

Present:

Paul Armin (PA), Senior Area Drainage Engineer, Durham County Council
 Claire Barry (CB) [Minutes], PA to the Head of Technical Services, Durham County Council
 Martin Brown (MB), Investment Delivery Team Leader, Northumbrian Water Limited
 Brian Buckley (BB), Strategic Highways Manager, Durham County Council
 David Charlton (DC), Project Manager, Northumbrian Water Limited
 Councillor David Hall (DH), Durham County Council/NRFCC Member
 Les Hall (LH), Development Manager, Northumbrian Water Limited
 Martin Kennedy (MK), Sustainable Sewerage Manager, Northumbrian Water Limited
 Phil Marshall (PM), Team Leader, Partnerships and Strategic Overview, Environment Agency
 Steena Nasapen-Watson (SNW), Senior Advisor-Flood/Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency
 John Reed (JR) [Chair], Head of Technical Services, Durham County Council
 Dane Rollo (DR), Resilience Manager, Durham and Darlington Fire & Rescue Service
 Tony Ward (TW), Senior Project Manager, Durham County Council

Apologies:

Su Jordan (SJ), CCU Programme Office Manager, Durham County Council
 Simon Longstaff (SL), Drainage and Coastal Defence Manager, Durham County Council
 Peter Ollivere (PO), Principal Planner, Durham County Council
 Zoe Thirlaway (ZT), Policy Officer, Durham County Council

	Subject	Assigned Officer	By When
1.	Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 1st May 2014 Update from the Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (NRFCC) This section was amended to read “The Committee confirmed their agreement with over-programming and that the aim should be 10% for this financial year.”	-	-
2.	Matters Arising Shared Intranet Site PA to investigate 4 Projects and respond to JR by 26.9.14. Local Resilience Forum Approach to Community Resilience The system is in the process of being changed; SJ and DR are to carry	 PA SJ/DR	 26.09.14 20.11.14

	<p>out a presentation at the next meeting on 20th November 2014.</p> <p>Evacuation Procedures DR advised that DCLG have produced advice regarding how to safely exit buildings etc.; DR to provide an update at the next meeting on 20th November 2014.</p> <p>Drainage Works and Maintenance PA is currently awaiting confirmation from Adrian Vass regarding whether Natural England can provide assistance.</p> <p>Flooding in Bishop Auckland NWL are carrying out a study in relation to tenuous tanks; MK is to provide an update.</p> <p>Public Flooding Investigations BB advised that a letter to householders, for Insurers, detailing the work that has undertaken by DCC has been drafted for approval.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>-</p> <p>MK</p> <p>-</p>	<p>20.11.14</p> <p>-</p> <p>20.11.14</p> <p>-</p>
3.	<p>Sewer Flood Risk Reduction – Property Level Protection</p> <p>MB carried out a presentation regarding Property Level Protection. MK is to liaise with PA regarding the list of capital schemes.</p>	<p>MK</p>	<p>26.09.14</p>
4.	<p>Local Choices / Priority Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A discussion took place regarding local choices affecting the Durham County area; this is to be addressed at the P&I Subgroup on 3rd September 2014. ▪ Seaham North Promenade: The probability is that this will be removed from the programme for next year. ▪ Lanchester: This is a priority which is to be carried out this year. ▪ Hardwick Road, Sedgfield: This has been identified to be carried out in 2019/20; PA requested for this to be brought forward to 2015/16. ▪ Tindale Beck: DCC have provisionally allocated £100,000 in 2015/16 and requested for this to be reallocated to 2016/17; SNW to action. 	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>SNW</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>26.09.14</p>
5.	<p>Capital Programme – Dashboard Report</p> <p>TW presented the report. The following points were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lanchester: This is to be addressed to ensure that there is no slippage; PA is to action. ▪ Chester le Street: Temporary works have been completed. The permanent works are now being reviewed; NWL are to formulate a working group. ▪ PLP Schemes: TW to include these schemes on future Dashboard Reports. 	<p>PA</p> <p>-</p> <p>TW</p>	<p>03.10.14</p> <p>-</p> <p>Ongoing Basis</p>

6.	<p>Update on Durham Medium Term Plan (MTP)</p> <p>It was agreed that the Medium Term Plan would be incorporated into the Capital Programme Dashboard Report for future meetings; TW is to action.</p>	TW	Ongoing Basis
7.	<p>Update on Flood Investigations</p> <p>Durham County Council DCC have received 1113 requests for investigations from 1st April 2012 to date; 948 have been completed, work is currently being undertaken on 82 and 83 are to be investigated.</p> <p>A breakdown of the investigations detailed by the geographical areas is provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chester le Street: 111 ▪ Derwentside: 282 ▪ Durham: 171 ▪ Easington: 154 ▪ Northumberland: 1 (this is being addressed by DCC however is outside of Durham County) ▪ Teasdale: 53 ▪ Sedgefield: 97 ▪ Wear Valley: 244 <p>A breakdown of the investigations detailed by the source of the flooding is provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sewer: 60 ▪ Highway: 222 ▪ Overland: 208 ▪ River/water: 157 ▪ Non related: 466 	- - -	- - -
8.	<p>Update from the Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (NRFCC)</p> <p>Youth Offending Team The Youth Offending Team have been carrying out work in Tyneside and are in the process of rolling this out across the rest of the region; PA is to review for DCC.</p> <p>Local Levy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was noted that there is an over commitment of 10% that is to be discussed at the P&I Subgroup on 3rd September 2014. ▪ NRFCC have undertaken discussions regarding using Local Levy funding for maintenance works however it has not been agreed by the Committee to take this forward at the present time. 	PA - -	31.10.14 - -
9.	<p>European Funding - Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation</p>		

	Ongoing work is taking place to maximise the opportunities.	-	-
10.	<p>Plans</p> <p>EA Flood Risk Management Plans These will be out for consultation from September to December 2014. This does not include surface water flooding however this will need to be included for the next round in six years.</p> <p>Infrastructure Delivery Plan The examination with the public is to commence on 1st October 2014. The next step is to address any issues that are raised by the investigator. NWL are working with DCC.</p> <p>Local Flood Risk Management Strategy RAB Consultants are currently reviewing the draft strategy. This is to be received during the latter part of October 2014, following which, this will be provided to the EA and NWL for comments.</p> <p>Surface Water Management Plan No issues were raised.</p> <p>Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Defra have advised that an announcement is to be provided during the summer period.</p>	-	-
11.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Water Framework Directive All of the Water Boards have been provided with a designation and are required to obtain the best designated status. There will be opportunities to provide comments through the European Legislation.</p> <p>Flood Map The link to the updated flood map that contains the data set to carry out property counts is to be provided to PA; PM is to action.</p> <p>NRFCC Flood and Coastal Training Date - 26th September 2014 DH and PA have received invitations to attend this training.</p>	-	-
12.	<p>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, 20th November 2014, 10.00 a.m. Conference Room 4C, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ</p>	PM	26.09.14