



## Durham Strategic Flood Prevention Group

### Minutes from the Meeting held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 3.00 p.m. to 4.25 p.m., Conference Room 4B, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ

Present:

Claire Barry (CB) [Minutes], PA to the Head of Technical Services, Durham County Council  
 David Charlton (DC), Project Manager, Northumbrian Water Limited  
 Jim Cokill (JCI), Trust Director, Durham Wildlife Trust  
 Paul Constantine (PC), Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team Leader, Environment Agency  
 Councillor Jim Cordon (JCn), Durham County Council/NRFCC Member  
 Simon Longstaff (SL), Drainage and Coastal Defence Manager, Durham County Council  
 Phil Marshall (PM), Team Leader, Partnerships and Strategic Overview, Environment Agency  
 John Reed (JR) [Chair], Head of Technical Services, Durham County Council  
 Zoe Thirlaway (ZT), Senior Spatial Policy Officer, Durham County Council  
 Brian Weatherall (BW), Senior Drainage Engineer, Durham County Council  
 Chris Woodley-Stewart (CWS), Director North Pennines, AONB Partnership

Apologies:

Brian Buckley (BB), Strategic Highways Manager, Durham County Council  
 Les Hall (LH), Development Manager, Northumbrian Water Limited  
 Martin Kennedy (MK), Sustainable Sewerage Manager, Northumbrian Water Limited  
 Tony Ward (TW), Senior Project Manager, Durham County Council

	Subject	Assigned Officer	By When
1.	<p><b>LNP Support - Work of the SFRP</b></p> <p>JCI and CWS were in attendance to provide an update on the Local Nature Partnership and how the Partnership could contribute to this group.</p> <p>JR advised that the purpose of this group is to address the practical aspects of delivering flood prevention schemes in County Durham. It was agreed that JCI and CWS are to provide a presentation at the next meeting on funding streams and practical examples of how they can contribute to flood prevention schemes in County Durham.</p>	-  JCI/ CWS	-  19.08.15
2.	<p><b>Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015</b></p> <p><i>Update from the Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (NRFCC)</i></p>		

	PM advised that the sum of £3.2 million is additional on top of the funding of £45 million.	-	-
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Seaham</b> The claim submitted at the end of March 2015 has been agreed.</p> <p><b>Etherley Lane</b> DCC have approached NWL for additional funding.</p> <p><b>Dashboard Reports</b> TW is to arrange for future reports to include the name of the Project Manager for each scheme.</p>	-  -  <b>TW</b>	-  -  <b>31.07.15</b>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Capital Programme – Dashboard Report</b></p> <p>SL presented the report. The following point was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chester le Street: The longer term aspiration is to open this up to create a watercourse. The developer at the Cricket Ground has stated that it would be beneficial to link this with the footpath works; ZT is to liaise with the Case Officer. The N/E LEP has advised that this is one of their priorities. PM is to provide the video link of what the area could look like to JCn. PM is to arrange for a subgroup to be formulated to discuss how this will be taken forward; JCI and SL are to be invited. JR advised that when a proposal has been developed consultation is to take place with the Chester le Street Councillors.</li> </ul>	          <b>ZT</b> <b>PM</b>          <b>PM</b>	          <b>19.06.15</b> <b>19.06.15</b>          <b>30.06.15</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Efficiencies</b></p> <p>Central Government have advised that there is to be a target of 10% on efficiencies and guidance regarding how these are to be recorded is to be circulated. The group confirmed that a presentation is to take place at the next meeting if the guidance has been received.</p>	-	-
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Update on Durham Medium Term Plan (MTP)</b></p> <p>The MTP document is to be refreshed in order that this is brought in line with the six-year plan; SL is meeting with PM during w/c 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015. An update is to be provided at the next meeting and, upon finalisation, the document is to be circulated to this group.</p> <p>The Coastal Strategy is to reviewed and updated; SL is to address.</p>	          <b>SL</b>          <b>SL</b>	          <b>31.07.15</b>          <b>31.05.16</b>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Update on Flood Investigations</b></p> <p><b>Durham County Council</b> DCC have received 256 requests for investigations from 1st April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015; 256 have been 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: 24</li> <li>▪ Derwentside: 52</li> <li>▪ Durham: 45</li> <li>▪ Easington: 47</li> <li>▪ Northumberland: 1 (this is being addressed by DCC however is outside of Durham County)</li> <li>▪ Sedgefield: 30</li> <li>▪ Teesdale: 25</li> <li>▪ Wear Valley: 32</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: 16</li> <li>▪ Highway: 53</li> <li>▪ Overland: 26</li> <li>▪ River/water: 21</li> <li>▪ Non related: 140</li> </ul>	-	-
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Update from the Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (NRFCC)</b></p> <p>JR advised that Councillor Hall has resigned due to other commitments and would like to formally thank Councillor Hall for the excellent work he has undertaken for this group at the NRFCC.</p> <p>JR welcomed Councillor Cordon back to the group in the role of NRFCC Member.</p> <p>SL advised that NRFCC have authorised for the 2014/15 FDGiA funding to be carried over to this year.</p>	-	-
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Funding - Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation</b></p> <p>The rules that have been approved by Government are awaited for notification of the areas that are eligible for funding. Maggie Bosanquet is to be invited to the next meeting to provide an update; CB is to action.</p>	<b>CB</b>	<b>19.06.15</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Northumbrian Integrated Drainage Partnership (NIDP)</b></p> <p>Studies are to be part-funded by DCC and NWL; SL advised that information has been submitted to NWL. Flood areas are being reviewed to determine schemes that would benefit to be taken forward.</p>	-	-
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Plans</b></p> <p><b><i>EA Flood Risk Management Plans</i></b> The consultation has been completed.</p>	-	-

	<p><b>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</b> This is part of the County Durham Plan and is being addressed over the course of the next month.</p> <p><b>Local Flood Risk Management Strategy</b> An update on the overarching strategy is to be progressed through Cabinet over the next few months, following which, consultation is to take place with the public.</p> <p><b>Surface Water Management Plan</b> DCC are to determine if the plan is to be refreshed; ZT is to address.</p> <p><b>Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)</b> There is a national policy framework that includes Lead Flood Authorities. DCC are now a statutory consultee and are producing a plan regarding the SuDS requirements; BW is addressing this.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p><b>ZT</b></p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p><b>30.06.15</b></p> <p>-</p>
12.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>No issues were raised.</p>	-	-
	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015, 3.00 p.m.</b> <b>Conference Room 4B,</b> <b>Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ</b></p>		