

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT – FLOODING
REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED BY CABINET ON: 10 SEPTEMBER, 2014
UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS – 12 OCTOBER 2015

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<p>1) That Durham County Council continue to maximise the funding opportunities available for flood prevention schemes through the Flood Defence Local Levy, the Flood and Coastal Risk Management Grant in Aid Scheme and the EU funding programme 2014-2020.</p>	<p>Durham has 18 schemes on the Environment Agency's (EA) 6 year plan up to financial year ending 2021. Estimated value of works is £2 million.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="880 483 1659 1484"> <thead> <tr> <th>Scheme</th> <th>Year</th> <th>Total Value £'000s</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Etherley Lane Bishop Auckland</td><td>15/16</td><td>£125</td></tr> <tr><td>Greta Bridge</td><td>16/17</td><td>£69</td></tr> <tr><td>Hood St St Johns Chapel</td><td>15/16</td><td>£200</td></tr> <tr><td>Lanchester</td><td>15/16</td><td>£437</td></tr> <tr><td>Lanchester</td><td>16/17</td><td>£800</td></tr> <tr><td>New Brancepeth & Ushaw Moor</td><td>15/16</td><td>£124</td></tr> <tr><td>New Brancepeth & Ushaw Moor</td><td>16/17</td><td>£48</td></tr> <tr><td>Shotley Bridge</td><td>15/16</td><td>£5</td></tr> <tr><td>Shotley Bridge</td><td>19/20</td><td>£86</td></tr> <tr><td>Witton Gilbert</td><td>15/16</td><td>£640</td></tr> <tr><td>Witton Gilbert</td><td>17/18</td><td>£300</td></tr> <tr><td>Dene Crescent</td><td>17/18</td><td>£46</td></tr> <tr><td>Pelton</td><td>17/18</td><td>£32</td></tr> <tr><td>Craigland Villas</td><td>18/19</td><td>£46</td></tr> <tr><td>Dipton</td><td>18/19</td><td>£37</td></tr> <tr><td>Castlefields Bournmoor</td><td>19/20</td><td>£36</td></tr> <tr><td>Cherry Bank</td><td>20/21</td><td>£5</td></tr> <tr><td>Dunelm Walk Leadgate</td><td>19/20</td><td>£32</td></tr> <tr><td>Hardwick Rd Sedgfield</td><td>19/20</td><td>£160</td></tr> <tr><td>Hillmeads Nettlesworth</td><td>19/20</td><td>£98</td></tr> <tr><td>NW Durham PLP</td><td>19/20</td><td>£7</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Scheme	Year	Total Value £'000s	Etherley Lane Bishop Auckland	15/16	£125	Greta Bridge	16/17	£69	Hood St St Johns Chapel	15/16	£200	Lanchester	15/16	£437	Lanchester	16/17	£800	New Brancepeth & Ushaw Moor	15/16	£124	New Brancepeth & Ushaw Moor	16/17	£48	Shotley Bridge	15/16	£5	Shotley Bridge	19/20	£86	Witton Gilbert	15/16	£640	Witton Gilbert	17/18	£300	Dene Crescent	17/18	£46	Pelton	17/18	£32	Craigland Villas	18/19	£46	Dipton	18/19	£37	Castlefields Bournmoor	19/20	£36	Cherry Bank	20/21	£5	Dunelm Walk Leadgate	19/20	£32	Hardwick Rd Sedgfield	19/20	£160	Hillmeads Nettlesworth	19/20	£98	NW Durham PLP	19/20	£7	Neighbourhoods Technical Services	Ongoing
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	Total		£3488		
<p>Review Recommendation</p> <p>2) That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in their role as the designated Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Committee formalise the process for engaging with the Flood Risk Management Authorities within County Durham by meeting on an annual basis. As part of this role the committee would receive information from Northumbrian Water Limited on sewage treatment capacity within County Durham.</p>	<p>Progress report of action taken to implement recommendation</p> <p>A Special meeting of Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place in February which will receive information from the Flood Risk Management Authorities.</p>			<p>Resib'ty</p>	<p>Timescale</p>
<p>Review Recommendation</p> <p>3) That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the minutes of the Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (NRFCC) and the Durham Strategic Flood Prevention Group (DSFPG) on a quarterly basis together with regular updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Approval Body (SAB). 	<p>Progress report of action taken to implement recommendation</p> <p>SAB: Schedule 3 of the FWMA 2010 has not been enacted, rather Government decided to make amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and as such the Planners are responsible for the overall implementation of SUDS within planning applications. The Drainage Team are statutory consultees and provide advice on all major developments (proposals that contain 10 or more properties). However, if a planning case officer feels</p>			<p>Neighbourhoods Technical Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Drainage Area Studies (DAS) undertaken. • The development of the new approach to building community resilience. • Work undertaken with private land owners including detail of actions taken and any flood prevention measures implemented. • Lessons learned from flooding incidents. 	<p>that there is flood risk to lesser developments then advice is provided for those also.</p> <p>Additional drainage areas: Northumbrian Water Limited (NWL) have 478 drainage areas across the region. After a risk analysis these were whittled down to 136, of which a large proportion are within Durham County. All areas have now been modelled. The next phase of the works for NWL is to develop community action plans with a view to go back and 'tweak' the Drainage Area Models if needed. There is an anticipated 5 year refresh program.</p> <p>Work undertaken with private land owners: The Drainage Team have regular involvement with private landowners, usually work is done with good active involvement. However, sometimes we need to take more formal action. There are two recent examples where action has been taken against private land owners. Both involved damage to an existing highway drain but used different Acts for the enforcement action; Highway Act 1980 and Land Drainage Act 1991.</p> <p>One owner has eventually agreed and undertook works to repair the drain within their land, the other owner has not and DCC are carrying out the works in default, and are recovering the costs.</p> <p><u>Building Community Resilience</u> CCU have now visited:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 AAPs, plus sub groups, plus attendance at meetings • 14 schools delivering a lesson to 350 junior school children • 6 libraries • Spoke to 3724 adults at one off events 	<p>CCU (SMJ)</p>	
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4) That the importance of Policy 46 in the emerging County Durham Plan is highlighted in relation to managing flood risk.	<p>Policy 46: The Drainage Team and the Planners have been constantly working together and the policy has recently been amended and updated to incorporate the changes to the NPPF and reflect Defra's technical standards for SUDS. Advice provided by the Drainage Team on planning applications and other drainage matters already reflects that information and advice in the policy.</p> <p>We now have a resolution which will see the inspector's interim report quashed and a new examination held under a new inspector as soon as possible. To enable this to happen we will withdraw the plan before resubmitting an amended and refreshed version. This updated plan will proceed through a new public examination providing a further opportunity for all interested parties to have their views heard.</p>	<p>Neighbourhoods Technical Services</p> <p>RED Spatial Policy Team</p>	Ongoing
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5) That Durham County Council establishes the appropriate mechanisms to enable it to collect any charges in respect of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) that have been adopted by the council.	Durham County Council have been working to develop a SUDS adoption policy, where an option is made available to a developer for them to have DCC adopt and maintain a SUD on a development. The maintenance works are paid for by an annual payment made by the residents that are served by the SUD.	Neighbourhoods Technical Services	Ongoing

This payment is collected by DCC's finance section. A copy of the guidance document is attached for further information.		
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