



## Durham Strategic Flood Prevention Group

### Minutes from the Meeting held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 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  
 Brian Buckley (BB), Strategic Highways Manager, Durham County Council  
 David Charlton (DC), Project Manager, Northumbrian Water Limited  
 Councillor Jim Cordon (JC), Durham County Council/NRFCC Member  
 Dr Jon Hargreaves (JH), Chairman, Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee  
 Martin Kennedy (MK), Sustainable Sewerage Manager, Northumbrian Water Limited  
 Simon Longstaff (SL), Drainage and Coastal Defence Manager, Durham County Council  
 Su Jordan (SJ), CCU Programme Office Manager, Durham County Council  
 Phil Marshall (PM), Team Leader, Partnerships and Strategic Overview, Environment Agency  
 Stephen Merrett (SM), 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  
 Tony Ward (TW), Senior Project Manager, Durham County Council

Apologies:

Maggie Bosanquet (MB), Sustainability & Climate Change Team Leader, Durham County Council  
 Les Hall (LH), Development Manager, Northumbrian Water Limited  
 Peter Ollivere (PO), Principal Planner, Durham County Council

	Subject	Assigned Officer	By When
1.	<b>Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015</b>  No issues were raised.	-	-
2.	<b>Matters Arising</b>  <b>Chester le Street</b> PM is to arrange for the video link of what the area could look like to be provided to CB in preparation for the next meeting.  <b>Seaham Seawall</b> TW has removed this from the Dashboard Report.  <b>Stanhope</b> TW has removed this from the Dashboard Report.	PM  -  -	12.02.16  -  -

	<p><b>Gilesgate Moor Hotel</b> TW has removed this from the Dashboard Report.</p> <p><b>Herrington Close, Langley Park</b> TW has removed this from the Dashboard Report.</p> <p><b>European Funding - Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation Update</b> The application form and guidance regarding the format of the bids was circulated to the group and MB has been invited to future meetings.</p>	-	-
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Capital Programme – Dashboard Report</b></p> <p>TW presented the report. The following points were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lanchester: SL advised that Suzanne Hall, EA Project Manager, is reviewing the existing model, following which, a joint meeting is to be arranged. PM is to arrange for the issues to be resolved by the next meeting along with providing timescales for the scheme.</li> <li>▪ Chester le Street: There is currently no funding in the six-year programme whereby a funding programme is to be developed in the next few years in relation to de-culverting.</li> <li>▪ Murton: SL advised that the hydraulic issues are being reviewed at Bowes Avenue.</li> <li>▪ Hood Street: This is currently with NPAS; no issues were raised.</li> <li>▪ Etherley Lane: PM provided comments to DCC regarding the cost benefit issues.</li> </ul>	PM - - - -	<b>26.02.15</b> - - - -
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>DEFRA Efficiencies Update</b></p> <p>Efficiencies are being identified through meetings that are taking place. TW is to provide an interim update by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and a further update in early 2016 when all efficiencies have been received.</p>	TW	<b>04.12.15</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Update on Durham Medium Term Plan (MTP)</b></p> <p>SL advised that Hood Street and St John’s Chapel are currently being progressed through the grant claims process.</p> <p>The scheme for Greta Bridge is being updated in relation to design. There has been a contribution of £10,000 already received.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Year 7 is being progressed and data for 2021 is being produced. This has been amended to a ‘1 in 30 year event’ whereby has been reduced to 4,000 properties. MK is to arrange to meet with SL when the list of schemes has been provided to determine if there is an overlap; SL is to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>	- - MK SL	- - <b>24.12.15</b> <b>26.02.15</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Update on Flood Investigations</b></p>		

	<p><b>Durham County Council</b> DCC have received 143 requests for investigations from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015; 99 have been completed and work is currently being undertaken on 44.</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: 11</li> <li>▪ Derwentside: 38</li> <li>▪ Durham: 26</li> <li>▪ Easington: 15</li> <li>▪ Sedgefield: 14</li> <li>▪ Teesdale: 12</li> <li>▪ Wear Valley: 27</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: 15</li> <li>▪ Highway: 51</li> <li>▪ Overland: 11</li> <li>▪ River/water: 16</li> <li>▪ Non related: 50</li> </ul> <p><b>A181 Thornley to Coxley Bypass Roundabout</b> An investigation is to be undertaken regarding drainage issues.</p> <p><b>Underpass at High Handenhold</b> JC advised that he is receiving complaints regarding the underpass being closed; SL is to address.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p><b>SL</b></p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p><b>24.12.15</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Update from the Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (NRFCC)</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that the Local Levy claim has been produced and that the Local Levy contribution has increased by 2%.</p> <p>JC advised that he has been reappointed as the interim Member and that Councillor Tracie Smith is to be appointed as the permanent Member and will be working with JC over the course of the next few months. JR thanked JC for his outstanding contribution to the group.</p> <p>JH thanked the group for his invitation to the meeting where he has received a useful overview.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
8.	<p><b>European Funding - Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation Update</b></p> <p>JR advised that the guidance has been issued. Funding of £2.3 million has been allocated; this could increase to £3.1 million as requested by DCC. There is no call for projects however this is likely in 2016. The</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>

	<p>funding will be provided through a match-funding principle; ERDF will fund 60% of the total cost and DCC would be required to fund 40%. Concern has been highlighted regarding the ERDF criteria as the Government are stating that the allocation must be to protect business properties from flooding; DCC's Funding &amp; Programmes Team are currently addressing this.</p> <p>SM advised that the Cabinet Office had mixed up the targets with business properties whereby they are to review the targets and the guidance and provide an updated document. A workshop is to be arranged to determine the funding that is available through the LEP, what schemes will be covered along with how work will be carried out with Risk Management Authorities to prioritise and produce a pipeline of schemes; SM is to arrange for MB to be invited to the workshop as a key contact.</p>	<b>SM</b>	<b>24.12.15</b>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Northumbrian Integrated Drainage Partnership (NIDP)</b></p> <p>MK advised that joint studies are being carried out with a further four or five commencing from April 2016 onwards.</p> <p>JH advised that an issue has been raised that a number of different standards are being used; JH is to raise this at the next Chairman's meeting.</p>	- -	- -
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Watercourses</b></p> <p>SM discussed the EA's 2015/16 revenue allocation and maintenance programme. SL is to provide feedback to SM regarding the proposed allocation of funds.</p> <p>SM advised that it would be beneficial to identify opportunities where it may be possible to share resources; SM is to provide details of structures inspections and grass cutting to JR for DCC to identify potential synergies. SM is to attend a future meeting to provide an update.</p>	<b>SL</b>  <b>SM</b>	<b>24.12.15</b>  <b>24.12.15</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Plans</b></p> <p><b>Flood Risk Management Plans</b> No issues were raised.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</b> The major flood alleviation schemes are to be included in the Capital Programme Dashboard Report; ZT is to provide the list of schemes to TW.</p> <p><b>Local Flood Risk Management Strategy</b> No issues were raised.</p>	-  <b>ZT</b>  -	-  <b>24.12.15</b>  -

	<p><b>Surface Water Management Plan</b> PO is to arrange a meeting with EA and NWL to discuss how this is progressed.</p> <p><b>Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)</b> If DCC adopt SuDS, inspections will be carried out during the construction phase and all costs will be incorporated into the developer fees.</p>	<p><b>PO</b></p> <p>-</p>	<p><b>24.12.15</b></p> <p>-</p>
12.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>NRF Flood Plan</b> SJ advised that the Cardena Exercise progressed satisfactorily and that the Local Resilience Forum Emergency Plan has been approved.</p> <p><b>RFCC Funding Meeting - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b> SM promoted attendance at the RFCC Funding meeting that is taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in York.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>
	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, 9.30 a.m.</b> <b>Conference Room 4C,</b> <b>Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ</b></p>		