

26 November 2015

**Consultation on a Local Strategy for Flood Risk Management in the Black
Country as considered by Cabinet on the 29 October 2015**

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Councillor Louise Harrison, Clean and Green

Executive Summary:

Following approval by Cabinet on 26 October 2015 the draft Local Strategy for Flood Risk Management in the Black Country has been published inviting comments and views during the consultation period between 9 November and 17 December. This report details the LSFRM and seeks views and comments from the Committee.

Reason for scrutiny:

As recommended and approved at the Cabinet meeting on the 29 October 2015:

To present the Corporate and Public Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to consider and comment on the LFRMS as part of the consultation process..

Recommendations:

That:

1. The Committee note the contents of the report presented to Cabinet on the 29 October 2015 (Report attached)
2. The Committee consider the LFRMS in the Black Country and submit any comments or observations by the due date.

Background papers:

Flood and Water Management Act 2010
Draft Black Country Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

Resource and legal considerations:

The Council's contribution towards the cost of preparing the LFRMS in the Black Country is £7,000 and is funded from an existing revenue budget managed by Engineering and Transportation Service.

Section 9 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA 2010) places a duty on the Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority, to develop, maintain, apply and monitor the implementation of a LFRMS.

Citizen impact:

There is no impact on Citizens for undertaking the consultation, however, the action plan when approved and implemented will have a beneficial impact on residents properties and businesses by managing flood water and ensuring adequate defence systems are in place.

Environmental impact:

There is no impact on the environment for undertaking the consultation; however, the outcomes from the action plan when approved and implemented will have a beneficial impact on the environment by reducing damage resulting from flooding.

Performance management:

No impact

Equality Implications:

An equality impact assessment has not been undertaken as carrying out public consultation on the LFRMS in the Black Country is not believed to impact significantly on people with protected characteristics. However the consultation process itself will be made as accessible as possible.

Consultation:

The intention of this report is to obtain the views of this Committee to input in to the Consultation process leading to further consideration by Cabinet in February 2016. The Press Release is attached as Appendix 1 and the full documentation of the LFRMS in the Black Country together with information about the Consultation process is on the Council's web site.

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