

Report of the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the meeting to be held on Tuesday 2 May 2017

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Subject:

Water Management Scrutiny Review.

Summary statement:

The attached draft report contains the findings from the Water Management Scrutiny Review.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The attached draft report contains the findings from the Water Management Scrutiny Review.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on Tuesday 19 January 2016, Council agreed that the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertake an in-depth Scrutiny Review into the effectiveness of Bradford Council and its Partners in dealing with the floods across the District in December 2015.
- 2.2 As part of this Scrutiny Review, members looked to explore how we can learn from the approaches taken during the winter 2015 floods, to assist the Council and its Partners to better deal with future floods.
- 2.3 It was also agreed that the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee would receive the final review report, prior to its submission to full Council.
- 2.4 The Environment and Waste Management Overview Scrutiny Committee undertook a wider scrutiny review into Water Management across the District.
- 2.5 The DRAFT Scrutiny Review report is attached as Appendix 1.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 This review, undertaken by the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee, offers a wider perspective on water management across Bradford District. There is much valuable work currently underway, and this review aims to bring those different work streams together in order to improve the effectiveness of Bradford Council's approach (and those of our partner agencies) to water management across the District.

4. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Recommendations 6 and 7 of the Draft Water Management Scrutiny Review relate to the potential for using funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy for flood alleviation measures, and for Bradford Council to liaise with other West Yorkshire local authorities to secure funding from the Department of Transport's National Productivity Investment Fund. Recommendation 13 asks for an urgent review of capital and revenue funding streams for maintaining council-owned drainage systems and watercourses/rivers in order to respond effectively to the rise in river flows and levels associated with climate change.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The winter 2015 floods affected several areas and communities across the District, which include:

- Bingley;
- Bingley Rural;
- Craven;
- Ilkley;
- Wharfedale;
- Shipley;
- Baildon;
- Idle and Thackley;
- Keighley East.
- Worth Valley.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

In considering how to progress this issue the Committee may wish to:

- adopt or amend the findings and recommendations contained within the draft report;
- Forward their recommendations to the Executive, Council and / or other appropriate bodies.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the findings and recommendations contained within the draft Water Management Scrutiny Review Report be adopted.
- 10.2 That the Water Management Scrutiny Review Report is submitted to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Water Management Scrutiny Review Draft Report.