

## PROGRESS & PERFORMANCE – Q1 2014/15 FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT & DRAINAGE -DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

### FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (FRM) STRATEGY



### (1) AVOIDING INCREASE OF RISK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

#### Planning Application

The FRM team has provided a formal consultation response to outline major planning applications and those with critical drainage problems on which we have been specifically consulted. The SAB has yet to be formally implemented through Statutory Instrument by Government. It was confirmed on 30<sup>th</sup> June that SAB has been further delayed, pending further announcement in late Summer 2014.

#### Ordinary Watercourse Consenting

Since April 2012 Blackpool Council has been the lead on consenting to works within an ordinary watercourse. Figures of the current ongoing consent workload can be seen in the quarterly breakdown section on page 2.

#### Riparian Responsibilities

We encourage community engagement with riparian owners and where necessary take action to enforce action to ensure flood risk is reduced by maintaining the flow of all water courses.

### (2) REDUCING CONSEQUENCES TO OUR COMMUNITIES

#### Communication Action Plan

The FRM team are looking to develop a streamlined communication action plan that will involve multi disciplinary services external to Blackpool Council. We will aim to make progress on this by December 2014. We are currently working with the Environment Agency and united Utilities in respect of communicating our joint projects in respect of reducing flood risk

#### Emergency Planning

An exercise was recently undertaken in Fylde to test the multi-agency flood plan. This exercise will be rolled out to all other districts. FRM team are currently working with our emergency planning team to develop and a revised emergency plan in respect of flood risk.

#### Flood Investigation

The FRM team is continuing to undertake flood investigations and have a clearer direction due to the introduction of the FRM management strategy. We are looking to develop and communicate Blackpool's criteria for Flood investigations to internal departments, stakeholders and members of the public.

### (3) REDUCING RISK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

#### Inspection/Maintenance of Assets

We are working with the Asset Team to build up a Flood Risk Asset Register which is currently being populated. Assets have been placed into the register with more continuing to be included.

#### Houses moved from one risk to another

Linked to the flood investigation, a new scoring matrix is being developed to identify the original affect of flooding and rescored against the possible improvement works which the FRM could work towards. This will clearly define a cost benefit against the impact and risk.

#### Capital Studies/Strategies

The flood risk management team are working Corporately to ensure that any schemes required to reduce flood risk are developed in conjunction with colleagues across the Council

### (4) UNDERSTANDING RISK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

#### Local Strategies

The Lancashire and Blackpool Local Flood Risk Management Strategy has been agreed and adopted by both LCC and Blackpool. This has identified 19 objectives which the FRM team will plan to achieve within the allocated time frame - short/medium/long term.

#### Flooding

The FRM team, with help from its partners, through the Corporate Water Management meetings keep updated records of flooding events which have affected local communities. Sharing this information with colleagues and external partners we are able to gain a better understand of the impacts due to the various drainage systems which can be investigated.

#### Coastal Erosion

The North West has been given funding through MTP to undertake major reconstruction of the Wyre coastal area. The two schemes involve works at Rossall and Anchorholme which has attracted funding to the cost of £85 million.

#### Actions for Quarter 2

1. Look into the introduction of the SAB in Blackpool
  - 1.1 Look at other riparian issues in the Blackpool and plans to assist in any schemes required to reduce flood risk
2. Provide details of the developed streamline system with multi agency services
  - 2.1 The FRM Team to provide more information on the website communicating its roles and responsibilities.
3. Progress update on the asset register will be provided with accurate records on the database
  - 3.1 A new scoring matrix linked to flood investigations will be worked on to define cost benefit against impact.
  - 3.2 Update on the Capital drainage program
4. A timescale plan will be drawn up for the implementation of the 19 objectives and 64 actions.
  - 4.1 Flooding incidents via the MSfW meeting will continue to be recorded and presented in the next quarter
  - 4.2 update on the Rossall and Anchorholme progress will be given in the next quarter

## FLOOD INVESTIGATION, ENFORCEMENTS AND LAND DRAINAGE CONSENT

### Investigation statistics

KEY: On track / On target  Progress not as planned / issues have arisen  Significant issues to note / address  For information 

#### Summary of statistics:

Between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 there have been 5 records received by the Flood Risk Management Team. Further records have been carried forward from the previous financial year.

Each record has been assessed to determine whether any further action is required. Of the 50 records:

- **5** have met the criteria for a Flood Investigation, of which all are currently ongoing.
- **2** have met the criteria for Enforcement Action, of which all are currently ongoing.
- **0** are applications for Land Drainage Consent, of which 7 have been approved and 3 are currently under review.
- **1** have involved internal flooding to property.
- **1** have involved external flooding to property.
- **0** have involved flooding to infrastructure.