

Report to:	EXECUTIVE
Item number	4
Relevant Officer:	Clare Nolan- Barnes, Head of Coastal and Environmental Partnership Investments
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Fred Jackson, Urban Regeneration
Date Meeting	19 th May 2014

STATUTORY DUTIES UNDER THE FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2010 FINAL BLACKPOOL AND LANCASHIRE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider Blackpool's statutory duties under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, in particular the Duty to prepare a Flood Risk Management Strategy.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 Further to the report presented on 9th December 2013 proposing a programme of consultation relating to the Lancashire and Blackpool Flood Risk Management Strategy to agree the Lancashire and Blackpool Flood Risk Strategy, which fulfills the Council's duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to prepare a Flood Risk Management Strategy.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 In order to adhere to the Flood Water Management Act 2010.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, the Strategy is a legal requirement to complete.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

‘Expand and promote our tourism, arts, heritage and cultural offer’

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The lead local flood Authority has a duty to develop, maintain, apply, monitor and consult on a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for its area. Local flood risk includes surface runoff, groundwater and ordinary watercourses (including lakes and ponds). The Local Government Association published a comprehensive good practice framework setting out what such a strategy should include. The strategy is a major piece of work, and as a result a partnership has been established with Lancashire, with Scrutiny Committee having had the opportunity to consider the proposals relating to the strategy. The lead local flood Authority also has a duty to ensure that the local strategy is consistent with the national strategy developed by the Environment Agency, which has been completed.

5.2 Blackpool Council in conjunction with Lancashire County Council prepared and consulted on the draft Flood Risk Strategy in accordance with the national strategy, this document is now ready for ratification by Blackpool Council this report is attached at Appendix 5a.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

5.3 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4a: Flood Management

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 There is a legal requirement to produce a local Flood Risk Strategy under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 Blackpool and Lancashire are required to manage resources in order to meet the needs of the strategy. Protecting the most vulnerable is fundamental to the strategy.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Any expenditure related to flood risk management and actual incidents are monitored and currently shared with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Flood water risk management is vital to protecting people and premises, to not have developed the strategy would put people at risk.

10.2 The strategy will be reviewed quarterly by the Corporate Water Management Group.

11.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

11.1 Public and partner consultation has taken place.

12.0 Background papers:

12.1 None

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EXECUTIVE/ CABINET MEMBER**

13.0 Key decision information:

- 13.1 Is this a key decision? No, subsequent
to previous key
decision
20/2013
- 13.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:
- 13.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No
- 13.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

14.0 Call-in information:

- 14.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No
- 14.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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15.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

16.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

16.1

17.0 Executive decision:

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17.2 Date of Decision:

18.0 Reason(s) for decision:

18.1 Date Decision published:

19.0 Executive Members in attendance:

19.1

20.0 Call-in:

20.1

21.0 Notes:

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