



Doncaster Council

Report

6th March 2018

To the Chair and Members of the
Cabinet

PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE REPORT - Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Cllr Chris McGuinness	Conisborough, Edlington and Warmsworth, Mexborough, Sprotborough, Roman Ridge, Hexthorpe and Balby, Town, Bentley, Adwick Le Street and Carcroft, Norton and Askern, Wheatley and Intake, Stainforth and Barnby Dunn and Thorne and Moorends.	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. As part of the Council's approach to monitoring and evaluating its relationship with external organisations and partnerships this report provides details on activities undertaken by the following organisation:

Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

EXEMPT REPORT

2. This is not an exempt report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. To note the feedback and comments in respect of the Council's partnership arrangements with **Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee**.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. Reviewing the activities of partnerships where the Council or Executive appoints representatives helps to ensure alignment with Borough wide priorities, improved stewardship of public funds and public confidence that effective controls are in place to manage any relevant risks. Effective governance also ensures partnerships' working contributes to the effective and efficient provision of services to the Public and the achievement of value for money.

BACKGROUND

5. At its meeting on 19th May 2017, Council agreed that where it made appointments to external partnerships, a mechanism should be put in place to report back to the Council on the activities of that body in a consistent manner. As the Council increasingly works with partners to achieve common objectives and/or ensure effective stewardship of public funds this process will demonstrate greater transparency and accountability within partnership working.

Attached at Appendix A is a Partnership Governance template relating to **Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee** this provides Members with an overview of key activities undertaken, any significant future activities and any significant governance or other issues.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6. Without consistent and effective information on their activities, it is more difficult for the Council to understand and register the effects of decisions made by partnerships and take action where appropriate on any decisions made / proposed. The option to do nothing, therefore, misses the opportunity / requirement to respond to the ever-growing incidence of partnerships working and strengthen the Council's control framework and its management of risks.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

7. To regularly report back on the activities of partnerships provides an opportunity to strengthen governance arrangements, monitor the effectiveness of those arrangements and raise awareness of wider partnership activities.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

8. Good partnerships governance has the following impacts on Council priorities

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	
	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	<p>Flood Risk management throughout the borough reduces the flood risk to properties, businesses and infrastructure.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	

	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	<p>Strengthening partnership working by identifying, managing and reducing risks in order to enable strategic and operational partnerships achieve all our objectives.</p> <p>By providing robust partnership guidance ensures the stewardship of public funds.</p>

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

9. Failure to review partnerships' and key internal groups' activities exposes the Council to risks that can impact on a number of levels as follows:
- Failing to ensure an effective Strategic Fit
 - Failing to identify and address the gaps and shortfalls in Relationships
 - Failing to fully assess and plan for the Organisational Impact the changes will have
 - Failing to robustly develop and test the Economic Case for partnership working
 - Reputational damage to DMBC due to flawed partnerships
 - Conflicts of interest not being managed
 - Damaged relationships with partners.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS Officer Initials: SRF Date 23/02/18

10. S 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides a general power of competence which allows local authorities to do anything an individual can do, unless prohibited by law (and subject to public law principles). This power allows for the general oversight of the external organisation on which Council members and officers sit. It is important that where the Authority nominate officers or members to sit on external partnerships they we do have an ongoing oversight of the governance standards of the partnerships. As a

minimum, the partnerships should be aware and have policies reflecting the ethical standards of behaviour expected of public office holders as detailed in the Nolan principles.

It is essential that those the Council appoints to sit on outside bodies understand their duties and responsibilities in relation to their position on those bodies and the limit of any delegations they may enjoy. Further specific advice should be sought if they are in any doubt as to these matters.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Officer Initials RT Date 26/02/18

11. DMBC Make an annual contribution of £93,650 to the Local Levy. This amount is part of DMBC central revenue budgets.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS Officer Initials D.K Date 17/10/2017

12. There are no Human Resource implications.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS Officer Initials P.W Date 23/02/2018

13. There are no Technology implications

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS Officer Initials CEH .Date 23.02.18

14. There are significant impacts on health and wellbeing associated to flooding and the perceived risk of flooding. Effective partnership processes via the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to manage flood risks throughout the Borough can support the health and wellbeing of Doncaster communities.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS Officer Initials K.H Date 04/01/2018

15. There are no Equality implications.

CONSULTATION

16. Not required.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. Report to Council 19th May 2017, Governance Arrangements: Oversight And Transparency Of The Work Of External Partnerships And Council Committees.

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**PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE – REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY
TEMPLATE AND GUIDANCE NOTES**

1. NAME OF PARTNER ORGANISATION:

Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) is a committee established by the Environment Agency under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 that brings together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) and independent members with relevant experience for 3 purposes:

- to ensure there are coherent plans for identifying, communicating and managing flood and coastal erosion risks across catchments and shorelines
- to encourage efficient, targeted and risk-based investment in flood and coastal erosion risk management that represents value for money and benefits local communities
- to provide a link between the Environment Agency, LLFAs, other risk management authorities, and other relevant bodies to build understanding of flood and coastal erosion risks in its area

3. NAME OF THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE(S) APPOINTED TO THE ORGANISATION AND THE CAPACITY IN WHICH THEY SERVE:

Committee Members
Cllr Chris McGuinness

4. NAME OF COUNCIL'S LEAD OFFICER:

Kyle Heydon – Senior Flood Risk Engineer (DMBC)

5. KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE PERIOD April 2016 to April 2018

To ensure (to include formal approval of the programme expenditure) the Environment Agencies 6 year medium term capital programme, continues to be delivered. £100m for all of Yorkshire of Capital expenditure has been spent in 2016/17.

The forecast Capital expenditure from April 2017 to April 2018 is £130 million pounds to ensure protection of 300,000 properties a target set by central government.

The overall settlement for the MTP up to the year 2020/21 is around £600 million pounds, which now includes the additional recovery moneys following

the 2015 floods.

Setting of the Local Levy, of which Doncaster MBC contributes £93,650 pounds per annum.

6. KEY ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING THE PERIOD April 2018 TO April 2019

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7. DETAILS OF ANY SIGNIFICANT GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None

8. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

None.

9. PLEASE STATE NAME OF RELEVANT DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Peter Dale (Director) and Gill Gillies (Assistant Director)

10. DATE: 22/02/2018

11. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED REPORT – To be confirmed

List of current projects under Yorkshire RFCC, in Doncaster MBC's area.

Project Name	Number of Properties Benefitting	Description	Cost
Bentley PS Replacement	2170	Existing Pumping Station upgrade/replacement (EA)	£8m
Skellow Rail Bridge Parapet Raising	N/A	(EA)	£2k
Kirk Sandall Pumping Station Refurbishment	N/A	Existing Pumping Station refurbishment (EA)	£10k
Kearsley Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme	35	Extent of scheme unknown at present, still in feasibility stage (DMBC)	£145k
Dunston Hill Bridge Bank Refurbishment, Stainforth	N/A	Refurbishment of existing raised defences on River Don (EA)	£1.6m
Station Road PLP, Askern	5	Scheme completed (DMBC)	-
Kearsley Brook Industrial Estate Screen Replacement	N/A	New trash screen on existing culvert (DMBC)	£60k
Shirley Pool (SSSI) Water Level Management Plan	N/A	(IDB)	Not Known
Danvm DC – Hydraulic Modelling	N/A	Hydraulic Modelling of Danvm IDB district (IDB)	£137k