



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 27/10/2022

**To: The Chair and Members of the Community & Environment Scrutiny Panel –
Flood Risk Update & Winter Preparations.**

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision?
Councillor Mark Houlbrook – Portfolio holder for Sustainability and Waste	All	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The panel is asked to give consideration to the attached winter preparation booklet designed to provide resources and information to Cllrs regarding the boroughs flood risk. The panel is also asked to give consideration to the attached presentation, which is an update of the progress and issues facing the of the flood recovery programme following the November 2019 flood specifically around funding.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. This report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The panel is asked to consider the information provided by the Flood Risk Team and the Director of Economy & Environment in the form of a presentation that will be delivered at the meeting.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. Reviewing such issues ensures the Panel is responding to important issues, which ultimately have an impact on residents across the borough.

BACKGROUND

5. Flooding is the most common and costly natural disaster in the UK with Doncaster having the 3rd highest flood risk to residential properties within the Yorkshire and Humber Region.
6. Following the devastating floods that occurred in November 2019 where 811 properties were flooded. Doncaster Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority has a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to carry out a full investigation of how the flooding occurred. This investigation took place and the finding set the agenda for the Flood Recovery programme that consists of 42 proposed schemes across the borough.
7. This report, booklet and presentation highlights the work carried out by the authorities Flood Risk team providing an update on progress on schemes and winter readiness since the November 2019 Floods.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED



8. There are no specific options to consider within this report. It provides an opportunity for the Panel to consider the information provided in the presentation and provide feedback and comments.






REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION


9. N/A

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

10. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account and reviewing issues outside the remit of the Council that have an impact on the residents of the Borough.

Great 8 Priority	Positive Overall	Mix of Positive & Negative	Trade-offs to consider – Negative overall	Neutral or No implications
 Tackling Climate Change	✓			
Comments: All schemes within the 2019 Flood Recovery Programme will seek to minimise their carbon footprint and compliment the natural environment as part of their design scope.				
 Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work				✓

Comments: N/A				
 Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs	✓			
Comments: Improving the resilience to flood risk in areas across the borough will open up areas for development and inward investment.				
 Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all				✓
Comments: N/A				
 Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs				✓
Comments: N/A				
 Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough				✓
Comments: N/A				
 Building Transport and digital connections fit for the future	✓			
Comments: Flood risk schemes add resilience to areas affected by flooding, helping to keep the highway network open during severe weather events and flooding.				

 Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting, and heritage opportunities				✓
Comments: N/A				
Fair & Inclusive	✓			
Comments: This report identifies flood risk issues across the borough providing a fair and inclusive response to a specific risk.				

11. Legal Implications [Officer Initials: SRF | Date: 13/10/2022]

12. Doncaster Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority has a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to carry out a full investigation of how the previous flooding event occurred & to consider how future events can be prevented.

13. Financial Implications [Officer Initials: RT | Date: 13/10/2022]

14. There are no financial implications for Doncaster Council arising directly from this report.

15. Human Resources Implications [Officer Initials: AC | Date: 13/10/2022]

16. There are no direct HR Imps in relation to this report, but if in future staff are affected or additional specialist resources are required then further consultation will need to take place with HR.

17. Technology Implications [Officer Initials: PW | Date: 14/10/2022]

There are no technology implications in relation to this report.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

18. There are no risks and assumptions associated with this report as no decisions are being recommended or taken.

CONSULTATION

19. No specific consultation has been undertaken in respect of this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

20. Attached Presentation & Winter Preparation Booklet.

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

21. N/A

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