

**REPORT OF: PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING SERVICES
MANAGER**

TO: EXECUTIVE

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FOR INFORMATION

SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Executive of the arrangements for considering the sustainable drainage arrangements for planning applications.

ISSUE

1. A report on validating planning applications was considered by the Executive in May 2015. Stemming from that clarification was asked for in terms of the procedures for assessing planning applications that had Sustainable Urban Drainage proposals in them.
2. It is worth noting that the assessment of planning applications in terms of other bodies will not be altered by the new SuDs requirements. Flood risk will still be assessed through flood risk assessments that are considered by the Environment Agency. The utility companies will continue to comment on applications as they do presently. These bodies will continue to comment on issues for example such as acceptable run off rate from sites.
3. The Local lead Flood Authority responsible for SuDs is Lancashire County Council. They are being consulted on the proposed SuDs that are included in planning applications. LCC have put staff and resources in place to deal with SuDs. They have appointed staff to be responsible for different areas of Lancashire who will be our local liaison officers. LCC will therefore provide technical advice on SuDs proposals.
4. At present LCC can only offer pre-application advice on SuDs for major schemes. They have indicated that they are putting resources in place to be able to offer wider pre-application advice in place going forward.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Financial: None

Legal: None.

Risk Management: None

Health and Safety: None

Sustainability: None

Community Safety: The

Equality and Diversity: None