

**REPORT FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES**

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## **CONSULTATION ON THE LANCASHIRE LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021 - 2027**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To make Members aware of the Council's responses to the consultation on the Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021 – 2027.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That report and responses be noted.
2. That further reports are presented as required following the strategy being agreed and publicly available

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To ensure that Pendle having presented appropriate comments to the consultation receive a share of the flood and coastal risk management fund to protect properties at risk of flooding.

### **Introduction**

1. The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 designated Blackburn-with-Darwen Council, Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs). The councils have a range of powers, duties and responsibilities and manage flood risk from 'local' sources. These local sources of flooding are surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses.
2. Under Section 9 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Lead Local Flood Authorities must produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy which is consistent with the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy and THEY must publicly consult on any Draft Strategy.

3. In line with this requirement the councils released a consultation document on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March asking for views on their joint draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Consultation responses were required no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March
4. The aim of the strategy is to better protect and improve flood resilience for the people of Lancashire. It sets out how we will concentrate our resources and efforts to improve our understanding of local flood risks, whilst delivering schemes, and supporting our businesses and communities.
5. The strategy and consultation are only intended to address local sources of flooding. The strategy is not concerned with managing flood risk from main rivers, coastal or sewerage sources, because these are covered by the Environment Agency's Plans and Assessments Framework and a national strategy.
6. The survey is being undertaken by Infusion Research, part of Blackpool Council's Corporate Development Unit.
7. Analysis of the data gathered will be shared with partner organisations. The findings from the survey are for consultation purposes only, and will be used to provide recommendations on the contents of the draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
8. A report on the results of the consultation will be made publicly available on the three councils websites in Summer 2021. The report will be considered as part of the approval of the final strategy.
9. Officers of the Council who have direct dealings with the impact and prevention of flooding have provided responses to the consultation.
10. Responses have concentrated upon the need to improve communication across borders and a need to learn from historical flood events within the East of the County namely Earby and Barnoldswick.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** None arising directly from this report – further reports to be presented.

**Financial:** None arising directly from this report.

**Legal:** None arising directly from this report – further reports to be presented.

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from the report.

**Health and Safety:** None arising directly from the report.

**Sustainability:** None arising directly from the report

**Community Safety:** None arising directly from the report

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from the report

## **APPENDICES**

Consultation on the Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2121 – 2027 document.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-strategy-for-england--2/national-flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-strategy-for-england-executive-summary>