

Scrutiny Management Committee

December 2006

2nd Annual Progress Report: Implementation of Recommendations from the Executive following the Final Report of the Flood Scrutiny Panel report 2004

Purpose of report

1. To provide Members of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) with a progress update regarding implementation of the recommendations of the Flood Scrutiny Panel report from August 2004 and the further actions against that report agreed by the Executive in October 2005, when it last reviewed the situation.

Background

2. The Flood Scrutiny Board – formerly the ‘Scrutiny Committee (Floods)’ commenced the review on 25th July 2001 - referred its final report on the 2000 flood emergency response¹ to Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) on 24 August 2004.
3. After SMC consideration, marginal amendment and approval, the report inclusive of 21 recommendations was referred to the Executive on 14th September 2004. At this meeting the Executive approved the report subject to minor amendment and the final list of scrutiny board recommendations, incorporating their amendments is provided in are set out in column 1 of the update table at Annex A of this report.
4. Column 2 of the update table shows the position in respect of implementing the recommendations at the time of the first annual update report to Executive in October 2005.
5. Column 3 of the update table shows any resolutions made by the Executive in respect of the October 2005 update and the last column contains information added to reflect the current position.

Consultation

7. The Emergency Planning Co-ordinator and Emergency Planning unit have been instrumental in the provision of information contained in this update.

¹ The topic considered by the panel had originally been registered with the title “Fundamental review of the adequacy of York’s flood defences and emergency response processes” following the severe flooding in 2000 and included a series of public meetings attended by relevant agencies.

Options

8. In receiving this report and noting its contents, Members have the option to refer this update report onto the Executive or Neighbourhood Services EMAP as indicated in paragraph 9 below.

Analysis

9. Members of SMC may wish to note in particular that this years annual update report to EMAP has not taken place, most likely as a result of the constitutional changes made this year to the decision making structure. Further to the monitoring requirement placed upon scrutiny by recommendation 21 (see attached), Members may wish to consider whether to refer any issues for consideration (see attached) to either the Executive or Neighbourhood Services EMAP.

Corporate Priorities

10. Given the emphasis of the original review regarding leadership and effective partnership working, and inclusive of recommendation's 20 and 21 regarding the updating of the final report in response to these aims, this update report as requested by SMC may be considered to support the following Corporate Priorities;
 - Improve leadership at all levels to provide clear, consistent direction to the organisation
 - Improve the way the Council and its partners work together to deliver better services for the people who live in York

Implications

11. There are no known implications in relation to this update report associated directly with any of the following:
 - Human Resources
 - Financial
 - Crime & Disorder
 - Legal
 - Information Technology

Risk Management

12. There are no known risk management implications associated with this update report.

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to note the contents of the report and consider whether to refer it, or any specific issues, to either Neighbourhood Services EMAP or the Executive in the light of scrutiny recommendations 20 & 21.

Reason:

14. To ensure compliance with the terms endorsed by the Executive of Recommendation 20. of the Floods Scrutiny Review requiring an annual update on progress against the Flood Scrutiny Panels 21 Recommendations.

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Date 13.12.06

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Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers and Further Reading

Title and Author(s)

Flood Scrutiny Panel Final Report

SMC Reading – Flood Scrutiny Panel Final Report

Executive Reading – Flood Scrutiny Panel Final Report

Progress Report: Implementation of Recommendations from the

Executive following Flood Scrutiny Panel report 2004 (Executive Report)

Planning Policy Guidance 25: Development and flood risk

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Annexes:

Annex A: Tabular format update on the 21 Floods Scrutiny Board Recommendations

Glossary:

None