
Meeting of the Executive

13 February 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services

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

Summary

1. Members of the Executive are asked to consider a progress report on the implementation of recommendations they agreed in September 2004 in regard to flood prevention work and to decide if they wish to receive future annual updates in September/October each year.

Background

2. In December 2006 Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) considered a 2nd progress report on the implementation of the actions agreed by the Executive in September 2004 and October 2005, in relation to the final report of the Flood Scrutiny Panel from August 2004.
3. This 2nd progress report included a table (shown at Annex A) giving the following information:
 - the position in respect of the implementation of the recommendations at the time of the first annual update report to Executive in October 2005;
 - the resolutions made by the Executive in October 2005;
 - information on the current position.

Consultation

4. In line with its scrutiny monitoring role, Scrutiny Management Committee considered the report and noted that the Executive request for an annual update to the then appropriate Executive Member was still outstanding. In view of this, Members felt that the Executive should be re-consulted on this aspect of their specific recommendations. As such, SMC endorsed the suggestion from the former Chair of the Floods Scrutiny Board that any annual update should in the future be the responsibility of the Executive in view of the multi-departmental impact of flooding issues. It was further suggested that such annual review be submitted to the Executive prior to the annual OFERG meeting held annually during September/October.

Options

5. Further to the monitoring requirement placed upon scrutiny by recommendation 21 (see Annex A) and in view of the multi-departmental impact of flooding issues, Members of the Executive may wish to consider whether future annual updates should be considered either by the Executive or be the responsibility of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services (who, under the new constitution has delegated authority to 'consider reports in relation to river flooding and approve schemes for implementation of any necessary changes').

Analysis

6. Members of the Executive 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. SMC have referred this report to the Executive by means of resolving this omission and putting in place arrangements for handling the process in the future.

Corporate Objectives

7. This update report 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

8. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology or Other implications in relation to this update report.

Risk Management

9. There are no known Risk Management implications associated with this update.

Recommendations

10. Members are asked to note the current update considered by SMC and consider whether they wish the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services or the Executive itself to receive an annual update in future years (in line with the measures previously agreed by the Executive in October 2005 in relation to the Floods Scrutiny review).

Reason: To ensure the multi-departmental impact of flooding issues is monitored annually and addressed as appropriate

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Wards Affected: All

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Annex A – Table giving progress to date in regard to recommendations previously made.