

**Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Findings on the Herefordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan**

1. That the Council's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan include flood risk measures and mitigations that are identified as needed even if not resourced.
2. That the Cabinet consider areas where there may be opportunities to “invest to save” (eg investment in drainage and drainage maintenance may save money on road maintenance).
3. That the Council work with parish councils and community groups to engage local communities and neighbourhoods in further initiatives they can do to mitigate and manage flood risk (eg proving local signage, flood risk mapping, local projects etc).
4. That the Cabinet ensure that flood risk modelling information work carried out by the Environment Agency and flood risk mapping information held by the Hereford and Worcestershire Fire and Rescue services is used in the Council's flood risk mapping.
5. That the Cabinet make sure that the Local Plan is integrated and informed by new flood waste management strategy and up to date flood risk mapping data and analysis.
6. That the Council carry out habitat risk assessments for landscape mitigation measures being undertaken to protect wildlife environments and ecosystems.
7. That the Council introduce a forum for people who want to get involved in flood risk management and mitigation and need to know where to go to get involved.
8. That the Cabinet clarify how the Flood Risk Management Strategy will fit in with the new Local Plan.
9. That the Council’s Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan include any relevant actions being taken by our partners in this area.
10. Herefordshire Council reviews the water course consent form and involves the ecology team and looks at the connections and linkages between the flood risk management and the nature strategy and the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA).