

Title of Report: Executive response to recommendations from the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan

Meeting: Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting date: 25 September 2023

Report by: Democratic Services

Classification

Open

Decision type

Non-key

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose:

To note the Executive response to the 10 recommendations on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan made by the Environment and Sustainability Committee during its meeting on 18 November 2022.

Recommendations

- a) **The response to the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee recommendations regarding the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan, as attached appendix 1 is noted.**

Alternative options

None proposed.

Key considerations

1. On [18 November 2022](#), the Council's Directorate Services Team Leader presented a report to the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee regarding the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan. The report can be seen in appendix 2.
2. At the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 18 November 2022, the Committee agreed that the recommendations in appendix 1 were to be reported to Cabinet.
3. The responses to the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee recommendations regarding the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan, as detailed in appendix 1 were approved 16 August 2023.

Community Impact

4. The resulting improvements from these recommendations will contribute towards the 'Environment' ambition of our County Plan (2020 – 2024) and the 'Increase flood resilience and reduce levels of phosphate pollution in the county's river' success measure.

Environmental Impact

5. This decision seeks to deliver the council's environmental policy commitments and aligns to the following success measure in the County Plan – 'Increase flood resilience and reduce levels of phosphate pollution in the county's river'.
6. The Council provides and purchases a wide range of services for the people of Herefordshire. Together with partner organisations in the private, public and voluntary sectors we share a strong commitment to improving our environmental sustainability, achieving carbon neutrality and to protect and enhance Herefordshire's outstanding natural environment.

Equality Duty

7. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:
8. A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –
 - a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
9. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are

paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

Resource Implications

10. There are no resource implications associated with noting the content of this report as the Executive response provides information and indicates how the work is being taken forward. Where further decisions are required upon completion of the recommendations, any resource requirements will be considered in future reports.

Legal Implications

11. This Council operates executive arrangements under the Local Government Act 2000. This enables overview and scrutiny committees to raise issues and recommendations for the Cabinet to consider.
12. Paragraphs 4.5.50 of the Constitution reflects this arrangement and this report includes the views of Cabinet to the Committee's recommendations.

Risk management

13. There are no risks associated with noting the content of this report as the Executive response provides information and indicates how the work is being taken forward.

Consultees

None

Appendices

Appendix 1: Executive response to the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee
Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan

Appendix 2: Report to the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee regarding the
Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan

Background papers

None identified