

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	12 November 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Local Flood and Water Management Strategy
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the draft Hampshire Local Flood and Water Management Strategy (attached to the supporting report) for adoption, subject to a public consultation for a period of 8 weeks.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to make minor amendments to the draft Hampshire Local Flood and Water Management Strategy as required by the outcome of the public consultation, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Under the Flood and Water Management Act (2010), Hampshire County Council became the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for Hampshire. In accordance with the legislation, all LLFAs across the country are required to produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS).
- 2.2. The County Council's current LFRMS was adopted in July 2013. Since publication of the strategy, the County Council's awareness of flood risk and water management systems has increased. Informed by the experience of the widespread flood events in Winter 2013/14, new research and national guidance on the impact of climate change, and the draft national Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy, the County Council's approach to flood and water management is evolving. It is considered that the current strategy is now in need of updating.
- 2.3. It is Hampshire County Council's aspiration to become a leading example for LLFAs across the country and to produce an updated strategy containing clear concise statements of intent of how the County Council will seek to manage flood risk and water as a resource across Hampshire.
- 2.4. With the above in mind, it is proposed that the strategy is known as the **Hampshire Local Flood and Water Management Strategy (LFWMS)**,

signifying the wider water resource management remit and partnership working with other Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) that must be undertaken.

2.5. This report seeks agreement to the draft LFWMS in principle and approval to submit the document for an 8 week public consultation period. This is 2 weeks longer than is required under the provisions of the Flood and Water Management Act to allow for the Christmas and New Year period.

2.6. The draft strategy provides the platform for a broad-based approach and will be part of a family of documents that together set out the County Council's strategy and policy for flood risk and water management in its widest sense.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 The option of not updating the current LFRMS was rejected. It is considered that the existing strategy is now out of date, does not consider water management in its widest sense and does not benefit from the information and experience gathered from recent flood events and updated national flood and coastal erosion risk management strategies.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

I thank Councillor Jackie Porter for speaking as a deputation at my Decision Day today.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**12 November 2019**

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment  
Councillor Rob Humby**