

Decision pathway – Development and Assessment Pro-forma

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Title: Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	
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Cabinet lead: Cllr Fi Hance	Director lead: Alison Comley

Idea origin: BCC Staff Date idea generated: 07/09/2016
Decision maker: Mayor Decision forum: Cabinet
Timescales: We propose the LFRMS update is endorsed by Cabinet at the 4 th December Cabinet meeting, with completion of the engagement plan over winter 2017/18.
Purpose of Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a statutory requirement for BCC to produce and maintain a LFRMS, setting out how flooding will be managed in the BCC administrative area in conjunction with partner organisations. BCC are designated as the Lead Local Flood Authority for the area, under the Flood & Water Management Act (2010), and as such has this duty to fulfil. The original Bristol LFRMS was adopted in 2014 and the Strategy has recently been updated.
Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations: It is recommended the original LFRMS (that was fully adopted in 2014) is updated in line with the required national practice, policy and legislative changes. The LFRMS is also amended to account for alterations to the Strategy Action Plan to reflect recent work undertaken and new works identified since 2014.
Evidence Base: The Strategy has been amended appropriately to account for all the required changes and therefore the duty that falls on BCC to maintain a LFRMS for Bristol has been fulfilled. The revised Strategy is found as an appendix item.

Revenue Cost: £ within existing budget envelope	Source of Revenue Funding: Defra and BCC Transport Service
Capital Cost: £ Various tbc	Source of Capital Funding: Various sources including Transport Capital programme, EA, Wessex Water, planning contributions (Section 106) etc.
One off cost <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saving Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/>
Finance narrative: This proposal seeks endorsement of the strategic approach for managing local flooding risk. The LFRMS identified and prioritised local objectives in line with the national objectives and 43 local actions were recommended in the strategy. From a financial perspective, the majority of these actions are relating to the day to day management of flood risks and mitigations, which include revenue spending activities such as carrying out assessments, studies, implementing systems, and producing further strategies and action plans, plus the day to day revenue and capital infrastructure maintenance of assets. For these actions, the revenue and capital funding are mainly sourced via DCLG and will be absorbed under the approved revenue and capital budget envelope within the MTFP.	
However, some of these actions may lead to significant capital schemes and infrastructure development in the medium and long term and the funding sources for these schemes are yet to be identified and peritonised. Long term capital and revenue maintenance liability is a key consideration for all schemes, which is not clear at this stage.	
Finance Officer: Tian Ze Hao – Finance Business Partner	

Risks: The ongoing course of action is required to meet our statutory duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. A full risk assessment has been prepared and is reviewed monthly as part of the

Council's formal Performance, Programmes and Projects (PPP) reporting process. The key risk to delivery is a significant flood event causing a change of focus. It should be noted that in recent years, significant floods have occurred in other cities nationally e.g. Sheffield, Hull and locally in the West of England and Somerset. In these locations and following the flooding, significant local and national attention and pressure has been placed on authorities to deliver projects that reduce the risk. Bristol has not been affected to the same degree but we are working proactively to reduce the risk of flooding before it occurs.

Legal Considerations: The Council, through its elected Mayor and those he may delegate to act on his behalf, is the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and has a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. There is a statutory duty to consult risk management authorities that may be affected by the strategy and the public about the strategy.

Relevant factors in deciding whether it is necessary to consult on the revised strategy are

- The nature and the impact of the decision
- Whether there is a legitimate expectation that the public will be consulted on any revisions

The Cabinet Office Principles state that consultation may not be appropriate "for minor or technical amendments to regulation or existing policy frameworks... or where adequate consultation has taken place at an earlier stage. Consultation has not been undertaken on this basis and as set out below.

Legal Officer consulted: Sarah Sharland.

Benefits: The LFRMS assesses the risk of flooding, sets out plans to reduce flood risk and enhances flood protection to Bristol, its people and places.

The emphasis on building community resilience is an important part of this LFRMS. The health protection risks of not managing flood risks effectively, as outlined in this updated document, are considerable. Public Health Consultant: Thara Raj.

The LFRMS consists of gathering data, assessing risks, reviewing and improving procedures, preventing inappropriate development through planning, improving communications and working in partnership with others to deliver flood risk improvements across the city. There may be some negative minor environmental impacts arising from the local flood alleviation works which are planned however these are unlikely to be significant and no mitigation is proposed. In the longer term, a strategic flood defence would have highly significant environmental impacts, both positive and negative. Any proposal to build a large-scale defence would be subject to a separate Cabinet report, Planning and a Statutory Environmental Impact Assessment. The overall environmental impacts are positive given what the LFRMS will achieve. Environmental Programme Manager consulted: Steve Ransom.

A separate EqIA was been completed and approved by Peter Mann (Service Director, Transport) and Jane Hammill (then Equalities Representative) for the LFRMS. Overall, the LFRMS is understood to have a low negative impact on equalities issues, and potential benefit to equalities groups as it identifies the communities at highest risk of flooding and advocates an approach for BCC and communities to manage the risk. For the formal update to the LFRMS the Equalities Officer, Wanda Knight, explained that these original statements still stand. This is at a strategic level and therefore a full EqIA is not required again. Future projects or measures may need an EqIA so the action plan will need to be checked to discover any equalities issues that need to be assessed for impact.

Consultation Details: The LFRMS was taken to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on November 1st; support for the Strategy was given by group members.

Full public consultation has not been undertaken as the LFRMS update is relatively light touch, with no fundamental or significant alterations;

Preparation of the initial LFRMS involved internal consultation with BCC colleagues in Highways, Strategic Planning, Sustainable City and Climate Change, Nature Conservation, Civil Protection Unit, Environment Team, Contaminated Land Officer, Public Relations, Neighbourhood Management, City Docks and Marine Services. These stakeholders have been given the chance to provide comments on the revised Strategy.

Key stakeholders have provided input and have commented on the proposed changes. This includes the other Risk Management Authorities operating in Bristol, such as the Environment Agency, Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board and Wessex Water.

DLT sign-off	SLT sign-off	Cabinet Member sign-off
Barra Mac Ruairi 19/04/17	From Strategic Directors (since CEO unable to attend) 5/9/17	Fi Hance 12/06/17

You can include further details in appendices as set out below if required. Draft Cabinet papers must include these appendices.

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	YES
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	NO
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	YES
Appendix D – Risk assessment	NO
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix G – Exempt Information	NO