

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	27 July 2011
Title:	Flood and Water Management Act 2010: Investigations Protocol
Reference:	3012
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the proposed guidelines to determine when the County Council will carry out flood investigations under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 be approved.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. To provide a structured decision making process to determine how the County Council should fulfil its new duty to investigate flooding events in Hampshire.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Having no system for making this type of decision. This was rejected on the grounds that the County Council could find its duty to investigate under the Flood and Water Management Act being applied in an inconsistent way, which could be inefficient and open to challenge.
- 3.2. Using individual thresholds for each criterion identified as important to the decision making process. This was rejected on the grounds that the setting of thresholds would be arbitrary and inflexible.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.
6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.
7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

27 July 2011

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor M J Kendal**