

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Report**

<b>Committee:</b>	Policy & Resources Select Committee
<b>Date:</b>	11 March 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Flooding Light Touch Review Report
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<b>Report From:</b>	The Chief Executive

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. That the Policy & Resources Select Committee consider the findings of the Environment & Transportation Select Committee light touch review of flooding, as detailed in the attached report. As part of this, this committee need to agree how to take forward any further work in relation to flooding, taking into account other work in the committee's work programme for 2010.

## **2. Contextual Information**

- 2.1. This committee has overview of the scrutiny inquiries undertaken by the other select committees. At the July 2009 meeting, this committee approved a proposal by the Environment & Transportation Select Committee to undertake a light touch scrutiny review of issues related to flooding. When this proposal was discussed, members of the Policy & Resources Select Committee expressed interest in this topic as having potential for in depth review, and that scrutiny of this topic may be of interest to Hampshire District/Borough Councils. It was therefore agreed that if the light touch review indicated further scope for review, that the Policy & Resources Select Committee consider taking this forward as part of their future work programme.
- 2.2. The Environment & Transportation Select Committee undertook a light touch scrutiny review of flooding via a half day oral evidence session with relevant officers, which took place on 2 November 2009. The findings were then written up into the attached report, which was agreed by the Environment & Transportation Select Committee at their 12 January 2010 meeting.

**3. Action Required**

- 3.1. There are a number of areas identified by the review that the Environment & Transportation Select Committee feel merit further exploration, which can be found on pages 19 to 20 of the report. The Environment & Transportation Select Committee invites the Policy & Resources Select Committee to take a view on whether this committee wishes to follow up the issues identified through an in depth review of flooding.
- 3.2. When considering taking forward an in depth review, Members are requested to take into account the scrutiny topic selection criteria, and to consider the appropriate priority to accord a topic in relation to other topics in the work programme.

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

Document

Location

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

1.1. N/A

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. N/A

### **3. Climate Change:**

3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

N/A

a) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Climate change may result in more frequent extreme weather, therefore in order to prepare for climate change, it is important that we ensure our processes for planning for possible flooding are as robust as reasonably practicable.