TERMS OF REFERENCE (SCRUTINY REVIEW INITIATION DOCUMENT)

Review: Water Flood Risk Scrutiny Review

Scrutiny Review Committee: Subcommittee / Task & Finish Group(s) reporting to

Islington Policy & Performance Committee

Living in Hackney Commission

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LBH tbc

Overall aim

To investigate the response by public services to the floods in Angel Islington and Stoke Newington in early December 2016 and their underlying causes in order to reduce the risk of flooding, to better protect homes and businesses from flooding risk and to improve responses to future flooding incidents.

Objectives of the review:

- 1. To understand the risks we face in Islington and Hackney as a result of our aging water supply, including but not limited to those caused by climate change
- 2. To review Thames Water's response to reducing those risks and their progress on investment in new infrastructure.
- 3. To understand the impact of flooding on individual residents and businesses in Angel and identify measures which could be taken to reduce the damage and disruption caused by floods in the future and to liaise with other London Boroughs suffering similar incidents
- 4. To review the responses to flooding caused by water main bursts by public bodies, by Thames Water and by private sector bodies such as insurance companies, covering both the immediate emergency and longer term support
- 5. To recommend improvements to the long term prevention and short term response to flooding in Islington in liaison with other London Boroughs suffering recent similar incidents
- 6. To identify any similarities between the recent flood incidents across London Boroughs and to recommend improvements that can be made by Thames Water in order to minimise the threat of flooding in the future
- 7. To investigate the position of residents/businesses in respect of claims made to Thames Water for uninsured loss and compensation that have suffered as a result of the recent flooding

Scope of the Review

To review the current situation within Islington and Hackney and examine how others deal with flood risk within London

Types of evidence will be assessed by the review: (add additional categories as needed)

1. Documentary submissions:

- a. Thames Water strategic and emergency plans
- b. Thames Water Corporate Plan/Pressure Management Strategy
- c. Thames Water internal review reports on recent flooding incidents at Angel and Stoke Newington
- 2. It is proposed that witness evidence be taken from:
 - a. Affected residents in the Angel
 - b. Affected businesses in the Angel, including Angel Business Improvement District
 - c. Emergency services including Fire Brigade, Police and local authority Emergency Response teams
 - d. Thames Water
 - e. Local Authority Streetworks
 - f. Transport for London
 - g. Insurance companies (tbc)
- 3. Visits
- a. Flooded areas in Angel and Stoke Newington

Additional Information:

18th January Thames Water evidence focusing on strategic issues
Dates tbc Thames Water meeting local communities / flood victims in Angel and in Stoke
Newington

- other evidence sessions to be arranged

Programme	
Key output:	To be submitted to Committee on:
1. Terms of Reference (Scrutiny Initiation Document)	20th December 2016
2. Timetable	December 2016- March 2017
3. Interim Report	14 March 2017
4. Final Report	Date to be arranged