

Report of: Executive Member for Environment & Transport

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SUBJECT: Approval of Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

1 Synopsis

- 1.1 Islington is a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) under the Flood Risk Regulations 2009.
- 1.2 The Regulations require Islington to produce and consult on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (the Strategy). This is a 'living' document that will be updated as required and subject to a six yearly review.
- 1.3 A draft Strategy was produced and recently consulted on. The Strategy has been amended and is as set out in Appendix 1.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and delegate subsequent amendments and reviews to the Corporate Director of Environment & Regeneration

3 Background

- 3.1 The Regulations define the causes of flooding as heavy rainfall, overflowing rivers, breaches of dams and tidal waters. It does not include flooding from a burst water main or a sewerage system, unless as a result of heavy rainfall.
- 3.2 As the LLFA, the Council has a statutory requirement to produce a strategy outlining how local flood risk will be managed and ensure that the actions identified within it are monitored and achieved.

- 3.3 This Strategy draws together existing flood risk studies and plans, including technical information and historic records of flooding presented in the SWMP, SFRA and the PFRA (see 3.4 below), into a single document that outlines how Islington will manage local flood risk
- 3.4 The Strategy compliments and contributes towards Islington's approach to flood risk management already published in the following documents:
- London Borough of Islington Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP);
 - London Borough of Islington Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) and,
 - North London Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).
- 3.5 Within the Strategy is an action plan that between 2017 and 2021 will:
- improve the understanding of any properties or communities that may be at risk from surface water, ground water or water courses;
 - support sustainable growth;
 - maximise the use of resources through targeted flood management and
 - improve local community preparedness for flooding events
- 3.6 The consultation on the Strategy was carried out over a period of six weeks from January 2017 and was also published on the Council's website. Comments were sought from:
- The Public
 - NetworkRail
 - Transport for London
 - Thames Water
 - DEFRA
 - LBs Camden, Hackney, Haringey and
 - City of London
- 3.7 Responses to the consultation highlighted the need to continue to work closely with our neighbouring authorities in the Central London North Flood Risk Partnership group and Thames Water to coordinate any relevant measures that we may take, and this is incorporated in the final Strategy.
- 3.8 Also now highlighted is that through our Planning processes we will promote the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage schemes (SUDs) and actively encourage SUDs with our Good Practice guide.

4 Implications

4.1 Financial implications

- 4.1.1 It is intended to make maximum use of any funding available from Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant in Aid, Community Infrastructure Levy or any other external funding.

4.2 Legal Implications

- 4.2.1 The Flood Risk Regulations 2009 and Flood and Water Act 2010 requires Islington as a Lead Local Flood Authority(LLFA) under the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 to produce the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

4.3 Environmental Implications

4.3.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Background

The application of the SEA process to flood management plans and programmes is not legally required in every case, however the Strategy will consider the implications.

4.3.2 Water Framework Directive (WFD)

The Environment Agency is responsible for preparing management plans for river basin districts in England and Wales. The plans outline the characteristics of the river basin district, identify the pressures that the local water environment faces, and specify the actions that will be taken to address any problems before 2027. Islington does not contain any designated waterbodies under the Water Framework Directive (WFD), although it is considered as part of the 'Land area part of London Management Catchment draining to the Tidal Thames

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment

4.4.1 The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The Council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The Council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A Resident Impact Assessment initial screening was completed on 22.12.16 and identified no negative equality impacts or opportunities, and no safeguarding risks or potential human rights breaches. The Strategy outlines how flood risk will be managed on behalf of all sections of the community.

5 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

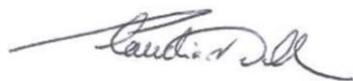
5.1 The production of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is a statutory requirement under the Flood Risk Regulations 2009.

5.2 The draft Strategy has been consulted on and a final version produced attached at Appendix 1.

5.2 The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy should be adopted by the Council and it is further recommended that the Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration is delegated to amend and review the Strategy as required.

Appendix 1 - Islington 'Local Flood Risk Management Strategy'

Signed by:



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