Appendix 2(b)

City Services Scrutiny Panel Flood Risk Management: Policy Review recommendations 2013/14

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Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Due Date	Progress Commentary
(a)	That the council and partners continue to meet regularly to build on existing joint working in order to maximise the use of resources and share information	The council, through officers in Streetscene, will ensure arrangements are in place for continued engagement with other Flood Risk Authorities (NWL/EA) and other Local Authorities, through the various regional and sub regional flood and coastal groups.	Les Clark	May 2014	
(b)	That the council considers the long term resource requirements to develop the expertise, structures and procedures to carry out the new duties set out in the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.	A capacity buiding report for the FWMA duties is to be prepared for consideration by council officers. The report will make recommendation for the appropriate staff numbers to deal with the new duties under the Flood And Water Management Act. Recommendations to be considered and a report to be submitted to DCX and the Director of HR and OD	Les Clark	September 2014	
(c)	That the Scrutiny Committee monitors the progress being made in relation to the establishment of a SUDS Approval Body for the city through its annual monitoring of performance against the delivery of the recommendations.	EMT report to be prepared on the options to be considered on how the council will set up and serve its SAB. A decision to be taken by EMT on the way forward.	Les Clark	September 2014	
(d)	That the council investigates the approach to planning policy being taken by other local authorities in relation to water management and flood risk.	The emerging Local Plans of all North East Councils contain policies on water management and flood risk – this is a requirement highlighted in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Planning Policy Officers from the	Gary Clasper	July 2014 Ongoing	

(e)	That action is taken to ensure that residents are made aware of the potential risk to them and their properties from all forms of flooding and encourage them to take responsibility to help reduce these risks by creating a flood plan for their households that compliments the actions of the other responsible agencies.	South Tyne Authorities (Durham, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland) meet on a regular basis as part of the Duty to Cooperate requirements. Consideration is being given to the issue of surface water flood management being examined through a joint commission (this approach is being pursued by North Tyne Authorities) a)Discussions to be held involving Streetscene, Emergency Planning and Communications to determine strategy for flood risk awareness and resilience. b)Officers are having on going discussions regarding the Community Flooding project, funded via the Flood Defence Committee. An appropriate candidate location for the Regional Community Flooding Officer (CFO) to assist in this regard is to be agreed	Les Clark	October 2014 June 2014	
(f)	That the council looks further at developing new and innovative channels of communication to keep residents aware of potential flood risk event.	a)Discussions to be held involving Streetscene, Emergency Planning and Communications in relation to raising awareness of potential flood events with residents.	Les Clark	October 2014	
(g)	That the recommendations of the Panel (listed a-f) be fed into the forthcoming Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.	The recommendations of the Panel will be fed into the forthcoming Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.	Les Clark	May 2014	