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Review Progress Summary						
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Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Timescale	RAG	Progress
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		This is an on-going action and meetings with other Flood Risk Authorities EA and NWL are every 3 months. The last NWL meeting was 24th March 2015. The last EA meeting was 31st March 2015.
В	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		Lead officer for Flood and Coastal has been appointed by the authority. Currently looking at what other resources are required to deal with duties.
C	That the Scrutiny Committee monitors the progress being made in relation to the establishment of a SUDS	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	Les Clark	September 2014	•	There is no decision on when the SAB duty will be enacted. Defra are currently pushing for Lead Local Flood Authorities to

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	Approval Body for the city through its annual monitoring of performance against the delivery of the recommendations.	taken by EMT on the way forward.				implement their own procedures for the adoption of SuDS.
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 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)	Gary Clasper	July 2014 Ongoing	•	The Newcastle-Gateshead Core Strategy has been approved for adoption, and therefore its policy on Water Management (Policy CS17) provides the latest approved policy approach in the region. The Government Inspector for the plan altered the policy and text to ensure that it includes the sequential test and exception test. The city's new Flood & Coastal Group Engineer has proposed the creation of SUDS Interim Policy Guidance for the city- liaison is ongoing to determine whether this should be a cross- boundary approach with neighbour authorities.
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	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	Les Clark	October 2014 June 2014	•	 a) See Action (f) b)CRO has made contact with residents on the Dairy Lane Estate, Houghton le Spring and

	compliments the actions of the other responsible agencies.	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				is working with the council's Emergency Planning and Communications teams. Currently looking at other areas for CRO to become involved with to pass the appropriate resilience message to residents.
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	•	Flood management has been agreed with partners Palantir as one of the 'rapid adopters' of the Intelligence Hub. This will be the platform from which flood risks will be identified and new and innovative channels of communication with residents that are potentially affected will be developed. Work has started analysing the flooding data and will take a few months.
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	•	The LFRMS is in its Final Draft and the above has been implemented in this document. This will go out to public consultation at the end of April 2015.