

**Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore,
Executive Director, Resources and Community Safety**

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| Report to: | Flood and Drainage Management Scrutiny Committee |
| Date: | 01 November 2013 |
| Subject: | East Coast Flood Group and European Union Exchange of Experts |

Summary:

To provide members with an update on progress of the work of the East Coast Flood Group and the European Union (EU) Exchange of Experts (coastal flooding) programme.

Actions Required:

The committee is invited to consider and comment on the report.

1. Background

One of the most important resilience innovations driven by 'localism' has been the creation, as a result of critical discussions with other Local Resilience Forum (LRF) and central government colleagues, of the '**East Coast Flood Group**'.

The group brings together planners from coastal LRFs, Environment Agency, Met Office Flood Forecast Centre, Utilities, the Voluntary Sector and lead government departments including the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), Ministry of Defence (MOD), Department for Transport (DfT) and Civil Contingencies Secretariat, to *collaborate* on efforts to prepare for this major risk by removing geographical and structural barriers. Although this collaboration remains locally driven, its sponsorship within DEFRA's flood emergencies programme has ensured synergy with wider flood risk management within England and Wales.

This work also led to the initiation of an European Union (EU) 'Exchange of Experts' (coastal flooding) programme, facilitating information and knowledge exchanges, based on how prepared governments and responders are in the event of coastal flooding.

2. Conclusion

Lincolnshire's Resilience Forum led by the County Council, East Lindsey District Council and the Environment Agency, has been at the forefront of both pieces of work which are complementary to wider efforts to mitigate or reduce the risk of flooding in the county. The attached report provides the scrutiny committee with an overview of work to date.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

Not applicable

4. Appendices

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report | |
| Appendix A | East Coast Flood Group Report |

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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