

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Communities**

Report to:	<b>Flood and Drainage Management Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>01 November 2013</b>
Subject:	<b>Monitoring performance under the Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Drainage Management Strategy</b>

**Summary:**

To discuss and develop the draft performance framework for the Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Drainage Management Framework.

**Actions Required:**

To consider and comment on the draft performance framework provided at Appendix A.

### 1. Background

The Flood Risk and Drainage Management Scrutiny Committee has overseen the development and implementation of the Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Drainage Management Strategy ('the Strategy') with the earliest consideration of the Strategy in 2011.

With the Strategy completed and implementation in progress, it is important that monitoring arrangements are put in place to support robust scrutiny of the Strategy's effectiveness, and to help the partnership to manage and guide delivery of its joint objectives.

A draft framework has been compiled, attached as Appendix A, detailing a range of measures which members may wish to consider for inclusion in the final performance framework. These have been subject to initial discussion by the partner agencies delivering the Strategy.

In brief, the purpose of the framework is to provide a set of measures which provide a meaningful snapshot of progress in delivering the broad objectives approved by the flood risk and drainage management partnership. It is intended that the final framework should be clear and useful to members for scrutiny purposes, as well as providing a tool for those managing delivery.

The measures so far proposed for inclusion in the framework are drawn from a range of sources, principally the following:

- Strategic objectives and outcomes agreed in the strategy
- The Strategic Environmental Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment completed as part of developing the strategy
- The activities set out in the Strategy's Action Plan for 2013-14
- Statutory requirements in the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010
- Annual monitoring requirements under the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy

Some of the measures are limited to one-off actions specific to the 'set-up' phase of the partnership and the strategy, or set as deadlines in national legislation. As such, once completed it is expected that these actions will be removed from the framework.

Others will lend themselves to more regular and longer-term monitoring, such as those relating to delivery of flood risk management projects and wider environmental benefits. In such cases it will often be necessary to use the first year of the framework to establish a reliable baseline against which to measure progress.

## 2. Conclusion

In common with the Strategy itself, it is important that monitoring arrangements are developed by agreement with members' guidance from the earliest stages and with the agreement of all partner organisations. Members of the Committee are asked to consider the current proposals for implementing the monitoring framework, and to comment accordingly.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

Not applicable

## 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft performance framework for the Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Drainage Management Strategy

## 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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