

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy

Report to:	Flood and Drainage Management Scrutiny Committee
Date:	05 September 2014
Subject:	Section 19 Report - Coastal Surge Flood Event during 5, 6 & 7 December 2013

Summary:

The County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has a statutory duty to carry out investigations into flooding from any source under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act (FWMA). This report summarises the flooding caused by the coastal surge of 5 December 2013 and draws upon reports by other Risk Management Authorities to produce the overarching Section 19 report.

Actions Required:

The Committee are asked to consider and comment on the LLFA Investigation Report relating to the coastal surge flood event of 5, 6 & 7 December 2013.

1. Background

The Lincolnshire East Coast tidal inundation on the evening of 5 December 2013 was the worst experienced for over 60 years. A number of coastal communities, residential and commercial properties, and high grade agricultural land suffered from serious flooding. Lincolnshire County Council, as LLFA has a statutory duty to undertake flood investigations into flooding from any source under Section 19 of the FWMA Act 2010. The report at Appendix A has been compiled in conjunction with other Risk Management Authorities in the county and together with reports from the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum, the Environment Agency and Anglian Water, which are contained within it, gives an overview of the flooding and fulfils the statutory duty.

2. Conclusion

The Committee are asked to consider, comment and support the LLFA investigation report (including nested reports by partner organisations) relating to the coastal surge flood event of 5, 6 & 7 December 2013.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Section 19 Investigation Report - Overview of coastal surge flood event during 5, 6 & 7 December 2013.

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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