

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

Report to:	<b>Flood &amp; Water Management Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>17 July 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>To report progress on the investigations made in the County under Section 19 of the Flood &amp; Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA)</b>

**Summary:**

This is a standing item to inform the Committee of the position of all on-going Section 19 flood investigations in the County.

**Actions Required:**

Members of the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the investigations undertaken in the County under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA).

**Members are asked to view the current S.19 spreadsheets online (also included at Appendix A) and inform Democratic Services in advance if they wish to highlight any particular sites at the forthcoming Scrutiny Committee meeting.**

Link - <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/flood-risk-management/flood-investigations/117780.article>

## 1. Background

This is a standing item to inform the Committee on the position of all current Section 19 investigations in the County.

In Quarter 1 this year (April to June 2017), three new Section 19 investigations were commenced. This is in contrast to 18 flooding events in the same period last year, of which 17 occurred in June 2016 alone.

The majority of S.19 investigations relate to surface water flooding. According to Environment Agency data, rainfall in April 2017 was classed as 'notably low', at around 34% of the long term average, while May rainfall was above the long term average. June data is not yet available, but early indications are that it was a wetter month than average, with more than a month's rain falling in some areas of the County in just 24 hours on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

The inclusion of an investigation on the 'ongoing' list does not necessarily mean the investigation itself is incomplete as the spreadsheets also include outstanding recommendations arising from the investigations. These recommendations can include remedial work by other risk management authorities or even riparian owners, and the completion of such third-party works is outside the direct control of the County Council.

## 2. Conclusion

Members of the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the investigations undertaken in the County under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA).

## 3. Consultation

### a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

No

### b) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

## 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Record of current flood investigations in the County carried out in accordance with S.19 FWMA.  <a href="https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/flood-risk-management/flood-investigations/117780.article">https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/flood-risk-management/flood-investigations/117780.article</a>

## 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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