

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills,  
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Report to:	<b>Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>29 May 2018</b>
Subject:	<b>Anglian Water's Consultation Draft Water Resources Management Plan</b>

**Summary:**

Further to the introductory report presented to the Committee in April, this paper outlines the key points proposed for LCC and its partners' response to the Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) consultation, and invites further discussion to ensure that members continue to shape and guide the emerging response prior to submission on 1st June.

**Actions Required:**

Members of the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the key elements proposed for the formal response to the Water Resources Management Plan consultation.

## **1. Background**

The Committee considered an introductory report on 10 April 2018 outlining the consultation draft Water Resources Management Plan. The present report focuses on the key messages that LCC and its partners may wish to convey in their final response to the consultation, and seeks members' comments on these prior to composition of the final response for the 1<sup>st</sup> June deadline.

### **LCC & Partners' Response to WRMP: proposed main lines of response**

In developing a formal response to the WRMP consultation, it is intended that it should be a joint response between partners as far as possible, including aligning closely with the Greater Lincolnshire LEP. The following key elements have been identified to date.

- LCC and its partners will respond positively to the WRMP consultation
- LCC and its partners recognise the need to plan proactively and strategically for water management
- Effective water management is essential to economic and housing growth, and therefore for sustaining and growing Lincolnshire's economy

- Supporting agri-food & the visitor economy should be key considerations for future water management in Lincolnshire
- It is essential that Local Authorities and all key stakeholders are fully engaged in all stages of decision-making about the nature, scale, scope and location of long solutions and any interim steps that may be required in preparation
- Local Authorities may wish to outline key requirements for determining locations of future infrastructure in the final WRMP response
- Any infrastructure located within Lincolnshire must have clearly identified and costed additional benefits for Lincolnshire in terms of flood risk, economic uplift, development opportunities and water management
- LCC should engage proactively in leading the development of WRE proposals located in Lincolnshire
- WRE related initiatives should be capable of linking with and supporting existing programmes, such as the waterways strategy, the Joint Lincs Flood Risk Strategy & the LEP Strategic Economic Plan / Local Industrial Strategy

Existing programmes under the Joint Lincs Flood Risk and Water Management Strategy and the GLLEP's Water Management Plan are most easily accessed for comparison through the links provided below.

## 2. Conclusion

At the time of writing the response to the WRMP consultation is in development. Members' views are therefore important in continuing to shape the final response to the consultation, which will conclude on 1 June 2018.

## 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	Executive Summary of WRMP

## 5. Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Consulation Draft Water Resources Management Plan	<a href="http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/about-us/draft-water-resources-management-plan/2019.aspx">http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/about-us/draft-water-resources-management-plan/2019.aspx</a>

Current flood risk priorities - Common Works Programme for Lincolnshire	<a href="https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/flood-risk-management/implementing-management-strategy/103045.article">https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/flood-risk-management/implementing-management-strategy/103045.article</a>
Current water management / economic priorities - GLLEP Water Management Plan	<a href="https://greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk/assets/downloads/Water_Management_Plan.pdf">https://greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk/assets/downloads/Water_Management_Plan.pdf</a>

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