

Agenda Item 6



Policy and Scrutiny

Open Report on behalf of Keith Ireland, Chief Executive

Report to:	Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee
Date:	26 November 2018
Subject:	Sustainable Drainage Design & Evaluation Guide

Summary:

To provide an update on the document titled 'Sustainable Drainage Design & Evaluation Guide'.

Actions Required:

No action required.

1. Background

The Ministerial Statement dated December 2014 placed the responsibility with the local planning authority, to ensure that Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS), for the management of run-off, are put in place.

As a consequence paragraph (ze) was added to schedule 4 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, to ensure that the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) is consulted for major development with surface water drainage.

Also, paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework requires that major developments should incorporate SuDS, and that the systems used should take account of advice from the LLFA.

At the time of the Ministerial Statement a new edition of 'CIRIA's SuDS Manual' (the Manual) was being developed, which would provide national technical guidance for those involved in the development process. Lincolnshire County Council was a member of the project steering group for the new edition of the Manual, and although we recognise the importance and value that the Manual provides on a national scale, it was recognised that local documents were also required (to complement the Manual) that reflected both the geology, and local issues that Lincolnshire presents.

To reflect the LLFA's new role as both a consultee for surface water drainage, and as an advisor for SuDS, Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) has, over the past few years, been developing a number of local guidance documents.

LCC has developed the following three local guidance documents:

1. Lincolnshire Development Roads and Sustainable Drainage Design Approach - This document is live on LCC website, and provides technical advice for the layout and design of both highways and SuDS (pre/during planning application).
2. Development Road and Sustainable Drainage Specification and Construction – This document is live on LCC website, and details the constructional elements of both highways and SuDS (post planning application) when a developer has offered such to LCC for adoption.
3. Sustainable Drainage Design & Evaluation Guide – This document is **NOT** currently live on LCC website. This guide has been developed with the support of a number of technical experts and 16 local authorities across England (LCC being a Project Partner), which links the design of SuDS with the evaluation requirements of planning. The guide promotes the integration of SuDS into the fabric of development, and is intended to facilitate consultation in order to achieve the best possible SuDS designs.

I am currently promoting document 3 around the planning authorities in Lincolnshire. It is being promoted as a local guidance document, which provides the development industry and all key stakeholders with a concise guide to SuDS best practice in Lincolnshire.

2. Conclusion

LCC will continue to promote the Sustainable Drainage Design & Evaluation Guide with the local planning authorities. This should enable all involved within the development industry to access a single document, to obtain best practice advice relating to the delivery of SuDS through the planning process in Lincolnshire.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Background Papers

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