

Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place

Report to:	Flood & Water Management Scrutiny
Date:	09 September 2019
Subject:	Investigations under Section 19 of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA)

Summary:

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

Actions Required:

Members are invited to review the current S.19 Investigations online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/flood-risk-management/flood-investigations/117780.article> (also included at Appendix A); and inform Democratic Services in advance if they wish to raise any particular sites at the forthcoming Committee meeting.

1. Background

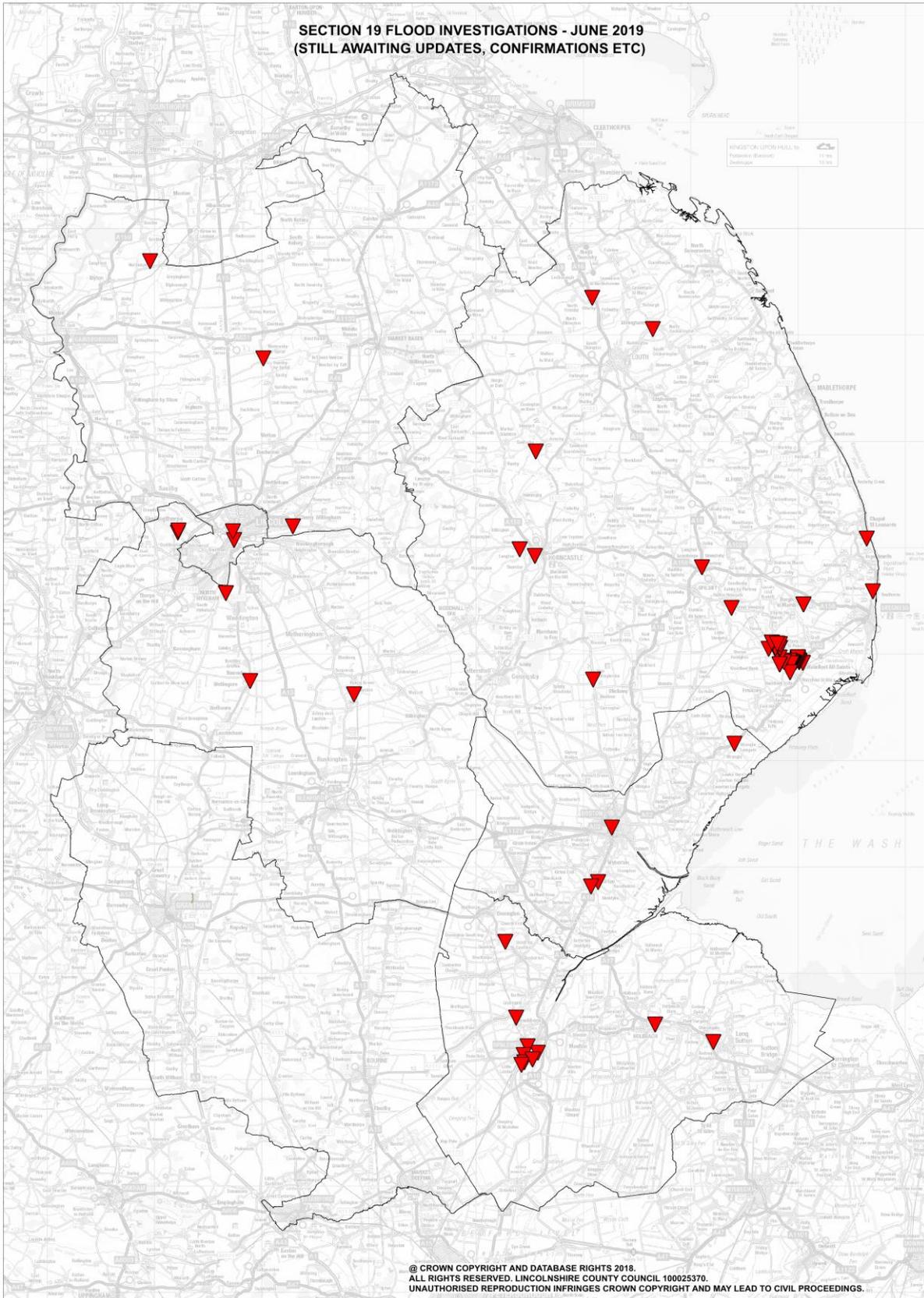
This item informs the Committee on the position of all current Section 19 investigations in the County, which are listed in Appendix A.

It should be noted that in some cases the investigation is marked as being completed, but the flood incident will remain on Appendix A as there may be outstanding works arising from the investigation which have not yet been completed or programmed by the relevant Risk Management Authority.

Members will be aware that, after a dry start to Quarter 1 in 2019/20, June brought unseasonal heavy and persistent rainfall, most notably over 10 – 12 June 2019. Indeed, according to Environment Agency figures, it was the 9th wettest June since 1910, and the rainfall across the county was between 162% and 197% of the long-term average; as most of this fell over the three day period mentioned above it is perhaps unsurprising that there were surface water problems.

There were 32 new flood investigations started in the first quarter of 2019/20, all as a result of the June rainfall. Initially, the problems related to surface water but later, as water courses reacted, there were some fluvial impacts, most notably at Wainfleet. The drawing below shows the spread of flood reports for the June event.

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(STILL AWAITING UPDATES, CONFIRMATIONS ETC)**



2. Conclusion

While investigations are underway it is not possible to give an indication of the local factors at play in each flood event. While some localities will have experienced flooding before, it is not possible at this stage to say which individual properties were victim to repeat flooding or if there is a common cause.

Members of the Committee are invited to raise any questions about Appendix A or any other flooding queries with the Flood Risk Manager, whose contact details can be found at the end of this report.

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.

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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