

**Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director – Place**

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| Report to: | <b>Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee</b>  |
| Date:      | <b>01 September 2020</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 current S.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.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/flood-risk-management/flood-investigations>

## 1. Background

This is a standing item to inform the Committee on the position of all current Section 19 investigations in the County, which are listed in Appendix A. It will be noted that in some cases the investigation is marked as being completed, but the flood incident will remain on Appendix A. This is because there may be outstanding works arising from recommendations in the investigation report which have not yet been completed or programmed by the relevant Risk Management Authority as identified in Appendix A.

The following figures focus on the number of flood investigations started in Quarter 1 (April – June 2020). According to the Environment Agency Water Situation Reports, rainfall for June across the area varied from 99-134% of the long term average, meaning the catchments received normal to above normal rainfall for the time of year. However, due to the relatively dry April and exceptionally dry May, the Quarter 1 total shows notably low to below normal rainfall.

This was reflected in the flood risk, where a total of two flood investigations were started in Quarter 1 2020, both in June.

By way of comparison, due to an exceptionally wet June the same period last year resulted in 46 investigations being started.

Every effort is being made to complete the investigations into the unprecedented number of flooding incidents over the last 12 months, with additional resources being drafted in as required. Although the information published on the County Council web site is updated regularly, as always Members 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.

## **2. Consultation**

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

No

### **b) Risks and Impact Analysis**

N/A

## **3. Appendices**

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| 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. |

## **4. 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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