

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

Report to:	Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee
Date:	30 November 2020
Subject:	Investigations undertaken under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010

Summary:

This is a standing item to inform the Committee of the status of all current flood investigations being undertaken in the County.

Actions Required:

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

Members are asked to view the current list of completed and active flood investigations online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/flood-risk-management/flood-investigations> (a list of active investigations is also included at Appendix A) and inform Democratic Services in advance if they wish to raise any particular sites at the forthcoming Scrutiny Committee meeting.

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.

In the three-month period July to September 2020, rainfall in the County was reported by the Environment Agency to be normal to above normal on an east-west split, although August was a notably wet month with significantly higher than average rainfall across the County. The number of new flood investigations undertaken in August reflects this, as there were 15 Section 19 investigations started. Together with a couple of investigations initiated in September and a single

one in July, this brings the total for the last quarter to 18 and the total for the year from January to the end of October to 34.

2. Conclusion

Although not on the same scale as 2020, the year to date has already produced a higher than average number of flooding events that require a formal investigation. This high aggregate number over the last 18 months continues to be challenging to manage. However, the majority of flood investigations have been completed and good progress is being made in compiling and finalising the subsequent investigation reports with additional resource being brought in to address the back log.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Active flood investigations

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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