



**Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham,
Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Resources**

Report to:	Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee
Date:	19 February 2024
Subject:	Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Summary:

This item enables the Committee to review the content of its work programme.

For the 2024/25 municipal year, three meetings of the Committee are currently scheduled on 24 June 2024, 14 October 2024 and 20 January 2025. The Committee is invited to review this schedule, with a view to considering whether four meetings would be appropriate.

There was positive feedback following the Committee's site visits on 15 October 2023. In view of this, the Committee may wish to agree to the principle of scheduling a site visit for 2024/25, possibly in the summer or autumn of 2024.

Actions Required:

The Committee is invited: -

- (1) To review its work programme; and highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which fall within the Committee's terms of reference and could be included for consideration in the work programme.
- (2) To consider whether for the 2024/25 municipal year, it is the Committee's preference for four meetings to be scheduled.
- (3) Given the benefits of the site visits on 15 October 2023, to agree in principle that a site visit be planned for the summer or autumn of 2024.

1. Work Programme

19 February 2024		
Item		Contributor
1	Floods Team Update (including Section 19 Investigations)	Matthew Harrison, Flood Risk Manager, Lincolnshire County Council
2	Environment Agency Update	Morgan Wray, Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager, Environment Agency
3	Anglian Water Update	Matthew Moore, Flood Partnership Manager, Anglian Water
4	Storms Impact Working Group Terms of Reference and Working Arrangements	Simon Evans, Health Scrutiny Officer
5	County Council Resolution on Sewage Discharges	Simon Evans, Health Scrutiny Officer

24 June 2024		
Item		Contributor
1	Floods Team Update (including Section 19 Investigations)	Matthew Harrison, Flood Risk Manager
2	Environment Agency Update	Morgan Wray, Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager, Environment Agency
3	Anglian Water Update	Matthew Moore, Flood Partnership Manager, Anglian Water
4	Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes – Approving body Update	Warren Peppard, Head of Development Management, Lincolnshire County Council

14 October 2024		
Item		Contributor
1	Floods Team Update (including Section 19 Investigations)	Matthew Harrison, Flood Risk Manager
2	Environment Agency Update	Morgan Wray, Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager, Environment Agency
3	Anglian Water Update	Matthew Moore, Flood Partnership Manager, Anglian Water

14 October 2024		
Item		Contributor
4	Report of the Storms Impact Working Group	Councillor Tom Ashton, Chairman of the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee

20 January 2025		
Item		Contributor
1	Floods Team Update (including Section 19 Investigations)	Matthew Harrison, Flood Risk Manager
2	Environment Agency Update	Morgan Wray, Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager, Environment Agency
3	Anglian Water Update	Matthew Moore, Flood Partnership Manager, Anglian Water

For the 2024/25 municipal year, three meetings of the Committee are currently scheduled on 24 June 2024, 14 October 2024 and 20 January 2025, when it is usual for four meetings to be held. The Committee is invited to consider whether three meetings are appropriate given the activity in the current year. If the Committee were to record its preference for an additional meeting, it could be programmed in early March 2025 or, instead of meeting on 14 October, a meeting could be scheduled in September and another meeting in November.

2. Items to be Programmed

- South Lincolnshire Water Partnership and Water Resources East - Progress Update
- Coastal Adaptation Strategy
- Lincolnshire Reservoirs – Update
- Natural Flood Management

3. Site Visits

On 15 October 2023 nine members of the Committee visited sites relevant to the Committee's remit, which included the Horncastle and Louth Flood Alleviation Schemes; the Louth flood storage area; the Saltfleet, Fulbeck Trusthorpe and Boygift pumping stations, as well as coastal defences. In view of the positive feedback from these visits, it is proposed that the Committee agree in principle to further day of site visits, for example during the summer or autumn of 2024.

4. Conclusion

The Committee is invited to review its work programme and highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme, including those items listed in Section 2 above as 'to be programmed'.

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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