



Resident Experience Board  
Thursday 9 March 2017

## **Surrey Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and Community Resilience**

**Purpose of the report:** Policy Development

A review of Objective 5 in Surrey County Council's refreshed Flood Risk Management Strategy and how Community Resilience aims to support communities at risk of flooding in Surrey.

### **Introduction:**

1. Surrey County Council (SCC) is designated as 'Lead Local Flood Authority' under the Flood and Water Management Act (2010). This brings with it a number of responsibilities, including the duty for SCC to "develop maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in its area".
2. Surrey's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) was first published in December 2014. However, much has changed since then and it is important for the Strategy to take these changes into account and remain up to date.
3. The Council's Strategic Network Resilience Team has been working on a refresh of the LFRMS because: there have been amendments to legislation which place more responsibilities on Risk Management Authorities; significant national and local flood events have required local authorities to adapt their approach to managing flood risk; there has been increased demand on local drainage solutions due to rising demand from new development, and there is a need to make the document more public facing and easy to understand.

### **The Refreshed Strategy**

4. The refreshed strategy has been updated in consultation with partners, including: the Surrey Risk Partnership Board; District and Boroughs; Thames Water; Environment Agency; Natural England; and Historic England.

5. The refreshed [Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017-2032](#) was subject to scrutiny at the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board on 19 October 2016, and in 2017 a public consultation on the Strategy ran from Friday 6 January to Friday 24 February.
6. Feedback from scrutiny, and results from the public consultation will be considered and incorporated into the Strategy where appropriate.

#### **Objective 5 – Community Resilience**

7. A key focus of the refreshed Strategy is Community Resilience (objective 5). As this work falls in the remit of the Resident Experience Board it has been requested that at this meeting officers from the Strategic Network Resilience Team, and invited witnesses, will give a presentation outlining:
  - a) How the Strategic Network Resilience Team works with internal and external partners in Surrey
  - b) The key principles of Objective 5, Community Resilience, in the draft LFRMS
  - c) How the Council can support resident groups across the County to prepare for emergencies
  - d) How the Council works with the National Flood Forum to engage with communities at risk

#### **Suggested recommendations:**

8. That the Resident Experience Board notes the work of the Strategic Network Resilience Team, and the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

#### **Next steps:**

9. A final version of the document will be submitted for approval at Cabinet on Tuesday 28 March 2017.

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#### **Sources/background papers:**

[Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017-2032](#)

[Surrey Local Flood Risk Management Strategy \[Item 8\]](#) (19 October 2016)