



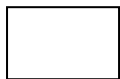
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 18th September 2007

Subject: Impact of Flooding Events on the Leeds District

Electoral Wards Affected: All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 24th July 2007 agreed to invite to this meeting Richard Davies, Head of Risk and Emergency Planning, David Sellers, Principal Engineer Land Drainage, Councillor Golton, the Council's representative on the State of the River Management Committee and an officer from the Gully Cleansing Team, to provide an update regarding the recent flooding problems in Leeds and progress on implementing the recommendations of the 2006 Scrutiny Commission Inquiry into flooding within Leeds.
- 1.2 The officers referred to will attend the meeting today together with the Head of Sustainable Development, Mr Tom Knowland who is associated with State of the River Management Committee and will be able to respond to issues concerning climate change.
- 1.3 Councillor Golton cannot attend today's meeting due to a prior engagement.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In order to provide Members with the background information to the impact of flooding in the Leeds District the following reports are attached:-

(a) Joint report of the Director of City Development and Director of Resources setting out the impact of flooding events in Leeds in June 2007. The report highlights the nature of the flooding, the initial understanding of its causes and made some preliminary suggestions as to how the Council and its partners might seek to respond to the events. This report was considered by the Executive Board on 4th July 2007 who noted the paper and endorsement given to the proposed preliminary actions.

(b) The Scrutiny Commissions (Flooding within Leeds) Final Inquiry report and recommendations published in April 2006 following flooding on 12th August 2004 and 3rd May 2005.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Board is requested to consider the information provided and the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission's report and determine what, if any, further information or scrutiny is required on this issue.