

**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (City Development)**

**Date: 27 January 2016**

**Subject: Flooding**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to facilitate discussion regarding the recent flooding in Leeds.

**2 Main Issues**

- 2.1 The report presented to the Executive Board on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 is attached as appendix 1 to inform the board of the current position and aid the Scrutiny Board in identifying any specific areas for additional focus. This describes the impact of Storm Eva in Leeds taking into account the immediate response and the short-term recovery work, within the context of previous reports on flooding and relevant flood alleviation schemes. In addition, the report looks to secure agreement to the strategic recovery approach for the short, medium and longer term, and also outlines the approach towards learning lessons about the effectiveness of our arrangements to respond to, and recover from incidents of this nature.
- 2.2 Gary Bartlett, Chief Highways officer with responsibility for flood risk management is attending the meeting to answer questions raised by the Board.
- 2.3 The Scrutiny Board will have further opportunity to consider the impact of Storm Eva at the March meeting, when the annual review of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is scheduled into the work programme. In addition the Board could seek additional input to discussion and request further information for the February 2016 meeting.

### **3. Recommendations**

#### 3.1 Members are asked to:

- a) Consider content of the Executive Board report appended and information provided verbally at the meeting.
- b) Determine if further information and advice is required in advance of the March 2015 when the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is due to be considered.
- c) Make recommendations as deemed appropriate

#### 4. **Background papers**<sup>1</sup> - None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.