

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 22 November 2012

Subject: Draft terms of reference – Scrutiny Board inquiry on flood risk management

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Summary of main issues

- At the Board's meeting in October, Members received a briefing on flood risk management in Leeds, and agreed that they wished to carry out further scrutiny of this topic focused on the following areas:
 - how well the relevant council services perform their respective roles;
 - the role of Yorkshire Water; and
 - the role of the Environment Agency
 It was noted that the Board would also be formally consulted on the draft Flood Risk Management Strategy as part of the council's budget and policy framework.
- Draft terms of reference for the inquiry are attached for the Board's approval.

Views of the director and executive member

- The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules also require that, where a Scrutiny Board undertakes an Inquiry, the Scrutiny Board shall consult with any relevant Director and Executive Member on the terms of reference. These views will need to be taken into account in finalising the terms of reference. Any comments received on the draft terms of reference will be reported to the Board at the meeting.

Recommendation

- The Board is requested to agree the terms of reference for the inquiry.

Background papers¹

None used

¹ 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.