

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2022

Report Title	FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN			
Purpose of Report	To advise members of the Flood Risk Management Plan being developed by the Environment Agency and asking members to approve the inclusion in the plan of measures that are in the Stroud District.			
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to accept and agree to the inclusion of the measures identified in Appendix A in the Flood Risk Management Plan.			
Consultation and Feedback	The Environment Agency have consulted on the proposed plans.			
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Options	If the proposed measures are not approved, they will not be included in the Flood Risk Management Plan for Gloucestershire			
Background Papers	None			
Appendices	Appendix A – Flood Risk Management Plan 2 Measures Stroud District			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	No

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Flood Risk Regulations 2009 (FRR) transposed the EU Floods Directive into English and Welsh law and continue to apply now that we have left the European Union. They set out a process for preparing, reviewing and updating flood risk management plans (FRMPs) over a six year planning cycle. The planning cycle starts with a preliminary flood risk assessment and the identification of flood risk areas following ministerial guidance, followed by flood risk and hazard mapping and finally Flood Risk Management Plans.
- 1.2 The first planning cycle ran from 2009-2015, with the first FRMPs published in England in 2016 and containing measures for the period 2015-2021. Current plans are published on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)
- 1.3 The Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) must review and update revised FRMPs every six years. In Gloucestershire the LLFA is Gloucestershire County Council.

- 1.4** The second cycle of FRMPs will contain measures for the period 2021-2027 and must be published by the Environment Agency by the end of June 2022.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1** The statutory obligation in the FRR requires the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authorities to prepare FRMPs for the flood risk areas they have identified in a preliminary flood risk assessment.
- 2.1.1** The flood risk areas for England were identified in 2017/18 and the preliminary Flood Risk Assessments are published [here](#).
- 2.2** The FRR require that within the Flood Risk Management Plans measures are identified which if carried out could reduce the risk to identified flood areas.
- 2.3** There is a duty on the District Councils to work with the Environment Agency and the Lead Local Flood Authority with the development of the FRMPs in their area. Officers have attended consultation meetings with the Environment Agency and the LLFA to develop measures that could be identified that would help reduce flood risk.
- 2.4** Appendix A contains the proposed measures to be included in the FRMP which are in the Stroud District.
- 2.5** Whilst these measures have been identified as desirable there is no obligation on any party to carry them out unless resources are able to be identified over the cycle of the plan. However, measures that are included in the plan will be a priority for any future funding that does become available.
- 2.6** There may be some limited resource implications where SDC are identified as the lead authority for a project but this would be contained within existing budgets.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1** Members are asked to agree and accept the inclusion of the measures identified in appendix A in the Flood Risk Management Plan. The measures identified in Appendix A cannot be altered. If members do not agree these measures will not be included in the plan, which the Environment Agency have to sign off by the end of June 2022, the consequence of which is that if funding for measures becomes available in the future for these types of work they are unlikely to be successful.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report as it seeks to approve the measures for future flood risk. As mentioned in the body of the report if this is not agreed it may affect the availability of future funding bids.

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4.2 Legal Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

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4.3 Equality Implications

There are not any specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision.

4.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.