

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL 2020/21

25 November 2020

PRESENT: - Councillor J Evison (Chairman)

Councillors S Swift (Vice-Chair) and P Clark

This was a Microsoft Teams Virtual Online Meeting.

49 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS OF WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY)** - There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal or personal and prejudicial interests.

No whip was declared.

50 **SUBSTITUTIONS** - Councillor P Clark filled the vacancy at this meeting.

51 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2020 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN - Resolved** – That the minutes of the proceedings of this panel held on 28 October 2020, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and signed by the chairman.

52 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST, IF ANY** - There were no requests received.

53 **LOCAL ACTION TAKEN TO MANAGE FLOOD RISK IN NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE**

53a **DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS WITH THE COUNCIL'S MIKE SIMPSON, GROUP MANAGER – HIGHWAYS OPERATIONS, SAM CROSS, HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK MANAGER, MIKE BROWN, HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGER AND MICK JOHNSON, HIGHWAYS OPERATIONS MANAGER.**

53b **NEXT STAGES (IF ANY)** - The Chairman welcomed Mike Simpson, Group Manager – Highways Operations, Sam Cross, Highways Development and Strategic Flood Risk Manager, Mike Brown, Highways Asset Manager and Mick Johnson, Highways Operations Manager, to the meeting. The Chairman explained that the officers had been invited to the meeting to discuss with the Panel current and planned work across North Lincolnshire to minimise and manage the risk of flooding.

The Panel received a detailed presentation from the witnesses, which covered the following issues:

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- NLC Highways Structure
- Roles and Responsibilities in Flooding
- Works and Projects
- Liaison and Meetings
- Statutory Duties
- Emergency Response
- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Flood Study – November 2019
- Highway Development and Sustainable Development Specifications

The Chairman then led a comprehensive discussion on issues that arose in the presentation and related matters. This included consideration of remote monitoring of pumps, links between services involved in managing flood risk and the planning system, the role and operation of the Flood Risk Management Board, and existing works in Barton, South Ferriby, Crowle, and elsewhere.

Resolved – (a) That Mike Simpson, Sam Cross, Mike Brown and Mick Johnson be thanked for their attendance, presentation and for answering members' questions; (b) that the situation be noted and the officers thanked for their ongoing work to minimise flood risk in the community, and (c) that a further meeting be convened to discuss the management of flood risk with the Environment Agency and the water authorities.

54 **ADDED ITEM (IF ANY)** - There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.

55 **ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MUST BE SPECIFIED** - There was no other items for consideration at this meeting.