

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL

21 February 2022

PRESENT: - Councillor J Longcake (Chairman)

Councillors S Swift (Vice-Chair) and P Vickers

Councillor N Poole attended the meeting in accordance with Procedure Rule 1.37(b).

The meeting was held in Room F01e, Conference Room, Church Square House.

93 **SUBSTITUTIONS** - There were no substitutions at the meeting.

94 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS OF WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY)** - The following members declared personal interests –

Councillor J Longcake
Member of Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Water Management Board

Councillor N Poole
Chair of the Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Water Management Board
Chair of Messingham Parish Council

95 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2022 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN - Resolved** - That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 13 January 2022, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

96 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST, IF ANY** - There were no public speaking requests received.

97 **LOCAL ACTION TAKEN TO MANAGE FLOOD RISK IN NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE** - The Chairman welcomed Mike Simpson, Group Manager – Highways Operations, 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:

- NLC Highways Structure

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- Roles and Responsibilities in Flooding
- Works and Projects
- Liaison and Meetings
- Statutory Duties
- Emergency Response
- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- 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, 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; (c) that a further report be considered by the Panel in six months time, and (d) that the Panel include 'council support and financial contribution to Internal Drainage Boards' on its work programme.

- 98 **ADDED ITEM (IF ANY)** - There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.
- 99 **ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MUST BE SPECIFIED** - There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.