

Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Briefing paper to: All Members of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Purpose: To provide an update on the implementation of the Local
Flood Risk Management Strategy

1. Background

- 1.1 Medway Council is a Lead Local Flood Authority responsible for local flood risk management (defined as flood risk associated with surface water, ground water and ditches/streams).
- 1.2 Part 1, Article 2, Section 9 of the FWMA 2010 states that a Lead Local Flood Authority must develop, maintain, apply, and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in its area (a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy).
- 1.3 The current Local Flood Risk Management Strategy was adopted by Cabinet on 5 August 2014. The strategy complements and supports the National Strategy published by the Environment Agency, which outlines a national framework for flood and coastal risk management and aims to balance the needs for communities, the economy and the environment. Our strategy is due to be reviewed in 2019/20, commensurate with the EA's creation of a new national strategy.

2 Annual Action Plan 2019/20

- 2.1 Measures included for the Annual Action Plan 2019/20 reflect a continuation of those integral to the delivery of the Lead Local Flood Authority Role.
- 2.2 In that context, many of the ongoing actions included within Annual Action Plan 2017/18 have been carried forward as a rolling programme for continuation. These are reflected within Appendix 1.

- 2.3 Funding to carry out the day-to-day flood risk management functions and delivery of identified projects is included in existing revenue budgets.

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