

		AGENDA ITEM 5
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THIRD PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY REVIEW (Minute 8/ July 2015)		
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The Third Party Responsibilities and Flood Management Task and Finish Group has produced a draft scrutiny report based upon the evidence it has collated through its investigations, which will be submitted to the Committee for its formal endorsement at its next meeting. In the meantime a copy of that report has been circulated under separate cover to all Committee Members for their information.

As there has been a lot of activity taking place around the Council's flood management activities in recent months, it was felt that it would be useful to provide the full Committee with a progress report before the final scrutiny report is endorsed and published. By taking this approach it is hoped that all Members will have acquired a better understanding of the issues set out in the report and the conclusions reached by the Group. Given the progress being made around the topic, the briefing will also provide the Group with a final opportunity to ensure that the report itself will be fully up to date when published formally.

Two briefings are proposed as follows:

1. Lead Local Flood Authority Flood Team
  - Update on content of the draft report and progress made,
  - importance of engaging the public,
  - ECC Flood Management Website, and
  - updates on those flooding management issues and decisions identified in the Forward Plan.
2. Highways Enforcement Team
  - Update on the Maldon Highways Enforcement Pilot Project, and the implications for enhanced enforcement activity.

The briefings will also provide the Committee with an opportunity to ask questions on the content of the scrutiny report where further clarification may be helpful.

As a reminder the terms of reference for the review were deliberately chosen to narrow the scope of the review, and read as follows:

‘To consider the preventative measures available to the County Council that may be taken to enhance improvements in flood management across Essex, with particular emphasis upon the enforcement of third party responsibilities.’

**Action required by the Committee at this meeting:**

**To note the content of the briefings, and clarify any particular issues arising from the scrutiny investigation prior to the formal endorsement of the final scrutiny report.**

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