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## Minutes of the meeting of the Essex Flood Partnership Board (Private Meeting), held Online on Wednesday, 19 October 2022

### Present:

#### Members of the Board:

Cllr Lee Scott	Essex County Council
Jonathan Glerum	Anglian Water
Peter Massie	Essex County Council
John Meehan	Essex County Council
Cllr Richard Moore	Basildon Borough Council
Graham Brown	Environment Agency
Cllr Nicky Purse	Harlow District Council
Lucy Shepherd	Essex County Council
Cllr Mike Mackrory	Chelmsford City Council
Cllr Carole Mulrone	Southend-on-Sea City Council
Cllr Sue White	Maldon District Council
Cllr Wendy Schmitt	Braintree District Council
Cllr Nick Turner	Tendring District Council

#### Also present:

George Bartley	Essex County Council
David Chapman	Essex County Council
Guy Cooper	Environment Agency
James Ennos	Tendring District Council
Guy Fairweather	Essex County Council
Damien Ghela	Maldon District Council
Gemma Parson	Essex County Council
Richard Powell	RFCC
David Prudence	Essex Highways
Catherine Robaldo	TE2100
Tim Simpson	Essex County Council
Lisa Siggins	Essex County Council – Democratic Services
Jeff Stacey	Rochford District Council
Mandy Thompson	Epping Forest District Council

**1 Online meeting protocol and software functionality**

Councillor Scott explained the online meeting protocol and software functionality.

**2 Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

The report of the Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations was received.

Apologies had been received from:

- Cllr Collins – Thurrock Council
- Marc Inman – ECC

No declarations of interest were made

**3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2022 were approved as a correct record.

**4 Essex Water Strategy**

The Board received a presentation from Lucy Shepherd Essex Water Strategy Manager regarding the Essex Water Strategy.

The presentation included the progress made since April when the strategy was introduced to the Board. Members were reminded of the background and scope of the project and given details of the key achievements. Each of the four water companies within the County will now publish their water resources management plan for consultation, with sector workshops to be held during the winter once best data is available.

The presentation can be found [here](#)

Cllr White raised concerns regarding water harvesting and sewerage entering rivers. She also raised the issues of landowners not maintaining and blocking ditches and the need to support this through the planning process.

Lucy Shepherd addressed these points advising that work is either underway or planned in these areas. In particular there will be communications to landowners to prepare for winter and educating them in the responsibilities of riparian owners.

Cllr Turner raised points regarding the adequate collection of water by the water companies and pointed out that the last reservoir was built back in 1991. He did not feel that there any real issues with water scarcity and

furthermore that there was a need to understand the relationship between OFWAT and the water companies.

Ms Shepherd advised that projections are showing that are insufficient water supplies.

Jonathan Glerum addressed Cllr Turner's concerns regarding investment by the water companies but initially misquoted Cllr Turner who clarified the point which he has raised. Mr Glerum apologised for his error in this regard. He proceeded to advise that there are plans to build two new reservoirs, with major investment being made in this area.

## **5 Flood Monitoring and Response**

The Board received a presentation from Guy Cooper, Environment Agency regarding the Environment Agency's approach to monitoring and responding to flood risk.

The presentation can be found [here](#)

## **6 Thames Estuary 2100**

The Board received a presentation from Catherine Robaldo, TE2100 Implementation Advisor, regarding the 10-year review of the Thames Estuary 2100 Plan

The presentation can be found [here](#)

## **7 Leigh Port**

This item was deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

## **8 Essex Capital Flood Programme 2021-22 update**

The Board received a report **EFPB/04/22** from Dave Chapman, Project Delivery Manager, on the progress of schemes in the Floods Capital Programme

The Board noted the report.

## **9. Anglian Water Update**

Jonathan Glerum, Anglian Water gave an update presentation regarding Anglian Water (AW).

He highlighted the Water Industry Environment Programme with AW having the largest AMP7 plan of any water company and want to build on this for AMP8 with a focus on partnership solutions. He explained the need for working together for future resilience.

The presentation can be found [here](#)

Cllr White raised some issues and in particular regarding storm overflow and the lack of maintenance in this regard which leads to lots of problems. She asked what AW can do in this respect.

Mr Glerum asked for specific details on the location which Cllr White mentioned and will contact her directly. He stressed the intention for collaborative working to solve these issues and the impact of storm overflows.

Cllr Scott asked for all Board members to be advised of the specific responses to Cllr White.

Cllr Turner stressed that his District are very keen on co funding and asked that Mr Glerum liaise with his officers. He also invited Mr Glerum to a local event further details of which he would give directly.

**10. Partner Updates**

There were none

**11 Any Other Business**

There was none.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed, to be held online.

The meeting closed at 11.25 am

**Chairman**