



Essex County Council

Essex Flood Partnership Board

14:00	Wednesday, 17 January 2024	Online Meeting
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To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2023.

3 Introduction and welcome from the new Essex Flood Board Chairman

To receive an introduction from the new Chairman-Councillor Tom Cunningham.

4 Property Level Resilience Scheme Delivery

To receive a presentation from Elliot Moore, Flood Investigation Engineer regarding some of the Property Flood Resilience schemes that have been delivered over the past year.

5 Essex Capital Flood Programme Update

To receive a presentation and Essex Capital Flood Programme update, from Dave Chapman, Project Delivery Manager, on the progress of schemes in the Floods Capital Programme.

6 European Project MEDiate Multi-Hazard Mapping

To receive an introduction to the European Project, MEDiate from Dr Nadeeshani Wanigarathna and Dr Mariantonietta Morga. The County of Essex is acting as a testbed along with 3 other partners in Iceland, Norway, and France.

7 Anglian Water WINEP Programme Update

To receive an update from Anglian Water (AW), in relation to AW scheme delivery in Essex, with particular focus on the Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) and PR24 Business Case.

8 Essex Rivers Hub Catchment Partnership

To receive an update from Helen Dangerfield, Essex Rivers Hub Catchment Partnership with focus on Natural Flood Management.

9 Any Other Business

10 Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

Exempt Items

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and public)

The following items of business have not been published on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Members are asked to consider whether or not the press and public should be excluded during the consideration of these items. If so it will be necessary for the meeting to pass a formal resolution:

That the press and public are excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the specific paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A engaged being set out in the report or appendix relating to that item of business.

Agenda item 1

Committee: Essex Flood Partnership Board

Enquiries to: Lisa Siggins, Democratic Services Officer

Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

Recommendations:

To note

1. Membership as shown below
2. Apologies and substitutions
3. Declarations of interest to be made by Members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct

Membership	
Cllr Tom Cunningham	Essex County Council
John Meehan	Essex County Council
Lucy Shepherd	Essex County Council
Peter Massie	Essex County Council
Graham Brown	Environment Agency
Carl Smith	Thames Water
Jonathan Glerum	Anglian Water
Will Newman	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Cllr Richard Moore	Basildon Borough Council
Cllr Richard Van Dulken	Braintree District Council
Cllr Jon Cloke	Brentwood Borough Council
Cllr Dave Blackwell	Castle Point Borough Council
Cllr Rose Moore	Chelmsford City Council
Cllr Steph Nissen	Colchester Borough Council
Cllr Richard Balcombe	Epping Forest District Council
Cllr Nicky Purse	Harlow District Council
Cllr Paula Spencely	Maldon District Council
Cllr Chris Stanley	Rochford District Council
Cllr tbc	Tendring District Council
Cllr Gary Collins	Thurrock Council
Cllr tbc	Southend on Sea City Council
Cllr Richard Pavitt	Uttlesford District Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Essex Flood Partnership Board (Private Meeting), held in Committee Room 1 on Wednesday, 6 September 2023

Present:

Members of the Board:

Cllr Lee Scott	Essex County Council
John Meehan	Essex County Council
Lucy Shepherd	Essex County Council
Jonathan Glerum	Anglian Water
Cllr Richard Moore	Basildon District Council
Cllr Rose Moore	Chelmsford City Council
Cllr Steph Nissen	Colchester City Council
Cllr Nicky Purse	Harlow District Council
Cllr Paula Spenceley	Maldon District Council
Cllr Chris Stanley	Rochford District Council

Also present:

Lee Bellinger	Ringway Jacobs
David Chapman	Essex County Council
Michael Cross	Tendring District Council
Aaron Dixey	Environment Agency
Josie Falco	Braintree District Council
Karina Grimwade	Essex County Council
Matt Moore	Anglian Water
David Prudence	Essex Highways
Lucy Shepherd	Essex County Council
Lisa Siggins	Essex County Council – Democratic Services
Navtej Tung	Thurrock Council
Michael White	Environment Agency
James Williams	Environment Agency

1 Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

The Chairman explained the reasons for the “in person” meeting and advised of the intention for alternate meetings to be held online,

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

It was noted that Cllr Nick Turner was no longer the representative for Tendring District Council, and that details are awaited of the new representative.

Apologies had been received from:

- Cllr Balcombe -EFDC
- Cllr Collins Thurrock Council
- Cllr Cunningham- Braintree
- Richard Powell- RFCC
- Peter Massie- ECC
- Marc Inman -ECC

No declarations of interest were made.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2023 were approved as a correct record.

3 Introduction to the Essex Flood Partnership Board

The Board received an update from John Meehan, Head of Climate Adaptation & Mitigation, regarding the role of the Essex Flood Partnership Board.

John Meehan explained that as there were a number of new members present and this was the first “face to face” meeting since the pandemic, he felt that it seemed appropriate to remind members of the great track record of the Essex Flood Board. The Board was set up after the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. He also reminded the Board that they also fit within the Regional Flood and Coastal Committees (RFCC). The RFCC which covers most of Essex is the Anglian Eastern RFCC, which has four Essex County Council (ECC) members, one Thurrock Council member and a Southend on Sea City Council member. There is also a single ECC member on the Great Ouse RFCC and the Thames RFCC's.

John also stated that he wanted to emphasise that the Board has a good relationship with the Environment Agency, whose officers were present at the meeting and that has unlocked £80.7 million from grants between 2015 and 2023.

The Chairman offered his thanks to all the officers involved in supporting the Board. He stressed the importance of the Board and was grateful for all those that were in attendance.

4 **Climate Czar role and Autumn Climate Summit**

Johan Meehan advised that Cllr Peter Schwier ECC Climate Czar and Cabinet Member for Waste Reduction and Recycling, had unfortunately been called away at very short notice to attend an Environment Committee at the House of Commons.

John advised that Cllr Schwier would have invited the Flood Board Members to the Essex Autumn Climate Conference which was being held on 31st October at the County Hotel, from 10am -1 pm. Following the meeting the contact details of Board members were shared with Louise Tennekoon, Climate Action Engagement Manager who would arrange for invites to be sent.

5 **National Flood Risk Assessment 2 (NaFRA2)**

The Board received a presentation from Michael White (Environment Agency) in relation to the National Flood Risk Assessment 2 (NaFRA2) update being undertaken.

The presentation can be found [here](#)

Issues raised by Members included:

- Implications of planning applications close to flood plains- it was confirmed that the key issue is to take into consideration all the relevant available data.
- Importance of tapping into the knowledge of local residents and action groups – this was acknowledged as being of importance.
- Concerns regarding the maintenance of assets – it was confirmed that where there was awareness of changes, new data would be obtained.
- In response to a Member question, it was confirmed that this was a “live” document which could be added/added into.
- Whether it could model flood plain mapping- clarification was given that local mapping could be used to assist
- Mapping of “protected areas” – it was confirmed that going forward this should be improved.

John Meehan advised that the ECC Flood team have done significant work regarding modelling. Dave Chapman expanded upon this and confirmed that relevant data would be shared with the Environment Agency.

6 **2023/24 Essex Capital Flood Programme update**

The Board received a report, **(EFPB/04/23)** Essex Capital Flood Programme update, from Dave Chapman, Project Delivery Manager, on the progress of schemes in the Floods Capital Programme.

Some Members enquired regarding projects within their Districts, with Dave and relevant officers giving an update accordingly.

The Board noted the report.

7 Anglian Water Update

Jonathan Glerum, Anglian Water (AW) gave an update presentation regarding AW. The presentation included background information and an overview which Jonathan felt would be particularly useful for new Board members, stressing the importance of partnership working.

The presentation can be found [here](#)

Some Members raised particular issues within their Districts with Jonathan advising that these issues could be picked up outside of the meeting and that AW were happy to work with individual Board members.

Following the meeting a copy of the presentation was forwarded to Board members together with the contact details for Jonathan Glerum and his colleague Matthew Moore.

8 Partner Updates

There were none.

9 Any Other Business

There was none.

10 Date of Next Meeting

This would be held online via Zoom the date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm

Chair