

<b>AGENDA ITEM 7</b>	
<b>SSC/14/11</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Safer and Stronger Communities Policy &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>15 July 2011</b>
<b>Scrutiny Review on the Flood and Water Management in Essex</b> (Minute 18/March 2011)	
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At the Committee's meeting in March 2011 (Minute 18) the Committee considered Flood and Water Management in Essex.

At that meeting the Committee agreed the following recommendations that were subsequently forwarded to Councillor Chapman who was the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste at that time:

1. The Essex Partnership for Flood Management be requested to submit an annual report on its activity to the Committee, together with notification of the publication of important documents such as the FLOODCOM report.
2. The Committee be advised of the final funding arrangements for the County Council's LLFA responsibilities. However, in the meantime it was considered that funding for the Council's new responsibilities should be ring fenced to ensure that the new Service may be developed effectively.

In April 2011 the Cabinet Member responded as follows:

'With regard to the first recommendation, I am supportive of the suggestion that the Essex Partnership for Flood Management report to the Committee on an annual basis.

With regard to the second recommendation, I am happy to agree that the Committee be advised of the final funding arrangements for the County Council's LLFA responsibilities. However, any decision with regard to ring

fencing funding is a decision for the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation.’

**Action required by the Committee:**

**To recommend to the Economic Development, Environment and Highways Policy and Scrutiny Committee that the following matters be considered as a part of its Forward Look:**

1. The Essex Partnership for Flood Management be requested to submit an annual report on its activity to the Committee, together with notification of the publication of important documents such as the FLOODCOM report.
  2. That the Committee be advised upon the final funding arrangements for the Council’s LLFA responsibilities.
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