

**MINUTES**

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Suffolk Flood Management Partnership (SFRMP)</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	19 January 2016		
<b>Place:</b>	Endeavour House, Ipswich		
<b>Time:</b>	1330-1530		
<b>Attendees:</b>	Matt Hullis, SCC, CHAIRMAN Jane Burch, SCC Simon Curl, SCC Derek Oldham, SCC Steff Jones, SCC Tom Mann, SCC John Grayling, BDC/MSDC Magnus Magnusson, SEBC/FHDC Denis Cooper, IBC Bill Parker, SCDC/WDC Neal Evans, Suffolk Resilience Forum Kate Lindsay, EA Richard Taylor, EA	MH JB SC DO SJ TM JG MM DC BP NE KL RT	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jonathan Glerum, Anglian Water Giles Bloomfield, East Suffolk IDB David Thomas, Waveney IDB Andrew Newton, Ely Group IDB Peter Barrett, E&S Water Cally Smith, Broads Authority Kofi Letsa, Highways England Graham Verrier, EA		
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Relevant business considered, facts noted, the decision taken and its rationale</b>	<b>Actions /Papers</b>
1.	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>	MH welcomed everyone to the meeting and listed apologies.	
2.	<b>Suffolk Flood Strategy</b>	MH thanked the group for their input to the draft strategy. Chapter 2 had the most changes and reflects new planning and SuDs information. No substantive changes to the rest of the documents apart from inclusion of the River Basin Management Plan. EA questioned whether Halesworth should be included as a priority town but SCC has no evidence for this. KL to investigate.  Draft to be made available on website and a link circulated. All to submit any final feedback (please check. Appendices too) and confirm endorsement by 5 Feb.  Final draft will then be compiled for endorsement/approval by all organisations:- SCC Cabinet meeting on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March SEBC/FHDC joint meeting in May SCDC/WDC to submit for Portfolio Holders approval.	KL  ALL



		<p>including all forms of flooding. Pluvial and fluvial modelling due in ~1 week and will identify high level options, scale of works and cost and will be fully integrated with the tidal work into a single strategy. Public consultation on this in spring. New Governance Board for the project will has been put in place comprising WDC, SCC, EA, Anglian Water, ABPorts, Anglian Water and New Anglia LEP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Felixstowe S19 progress &amp; recommendations</b> <p>SC: Langar Road flood event in June 2015 actions. Suffolk Coastal, Highways and Anglian Water are due to complete works this month. BP: Clearance works undertaken in November and on-going maintenance schedule has been reviewed. DO: Need to reconsider link between street cleansing and gully cleansing in Langar Road. Anglian Water: check status of actions KL: has research into ground water been carried out? MH some residents have re-directed roof drainage to water butts and problem reduced so may not be necessary. Could be issue with maintenance of private soakaways. DC: has knowledge of similar circumstances where leaking downpipes have caused damp and water ingress to properties. Jason Skilton to investigate.</p> </li> <li> <b>Sudbury &amp; Great Cornard SWMP</b> <p>DC: reviewed previous work which showed little previous flooding. SC: reviewing on-going project investigation. SCC has funding for SWMP but as beneficiaries reduced, will reduce total for capital works. SC to identify what is needed and what it will deliver by 29/01/2016. JG: asks for details on what sort of information is being worked on to check against BDC workload. Local Councillors are to be advised of the revised scope of the work as previous publicity for larger project.</p> </li> <li> <b>Debenham and HWMP</b> <p>Holistic Water Project. Exciting project to manage all aspects of water in the Deben catchment, with particular focus on flooding in Debenham and water resources in the Felixstowe Peninsula. The simple concept of utilising drainage water for irrigation has obvious difficulties but lots of support from stakeholders including possible capital contributions.</p> <p>Work of different scales upstream of constrained river e.g. small storage areas, modelling of larger storage areas. Plans also include a 2-stage channel downstream of the village of Debenham to take water to flood plains. Landowner offering to use material nearby to reduce costs.</p> <p>Key issue is finding mechanism to reward upstream landowners who gain no benefits and potentially lose land. This issue highlighted nationally following NW floods. NE: in north of country aware that there are payments for loss of</p> </li> </ul>	<p><b>J Glerum</b></p> <p><b>J Skilton</b></p> <p><b>SC</b></p> <p><b>SC</b></p>
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4.	<p><b>SuDs and Planning matters</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>General SuDs, consenting and planning issues</b></li> </ul> <p>SC: updated CIRIA SuDs guide out in November. Attending Joint Planning Officers Group meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> to stress need to consider water management early in planning process and land allocation.</p> <p>MH: conflict in some areas re SCC objecting to applications and discharge of conditions. SCC Floods team have clear remit to work with developers and planners to facilitate development, but this cannot be at the cost of increasing flood risk. Key area for improvement is that discussions and relevant information occur at the earliest opportunity so all parties are clear about expectations. SC is available to provide assistance to LPA teams to understand the flood team role and responsibilities</p> <p>JB: Local Authorities need to include drainage issues to Validation lists to reflect SuDS Proforma in the Strategy – this is crucial to ensure decisions are not delayed due to lack of information. BDC/MSDC – JG has raised issue. Progressing? SCDC/WDC – not including as already lists too long. IBC: checked two weeks ago and had not yet been done but was in progress.</p> <p>All LPA partners are asked to raise this issue with relevant officers to ensure validation process is changed to include flooding asap.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>All LPA partners</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Property Level Protection</b></p>	<p>Learning from Oakington experience: Richard Taylor, EA</p> <p>RT: gives context (see Oakington Property Level Protection Scheme Lessons Learnt Briefing Note July 2015 sent out ahead of meeting).</p> <p>2003 economic appraisal but scheme wasn't taken forward. 2010 saw new funding rules and a re-evaluation, PLP taken forward as preferred option. Partially in place when flood event occurred resulting in 57 properties flooded.</p> <p>Local Flood Mitigation Group established after event 'to prevent flooding not assist during a flooding event' and group vocal in their criticism of PLP, thinking that other options should have been implemented (EA do not consider that these would have prevented the August event).</p> <p>A dry-run and awareness event has now been held and upstream storage options now being progressed (as part of neighbouring development).</p> <p>Lessons learnt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need for a pro-active flood group who will help community <i>during</i> an event.</li> <li>- Training on using products and regular dry-run should be undertaken.</li> <li>- Manage expectations. The term 'PLP' somewhat misleading. Using measures correctly should work to keep water levels below skirting boards.</li> <li>- Need for better warning system and where appropriate passive PLP systems.</li> <li>- Don't underestimate resource needed to work with communities (e.g. on-going liaison and assistance with group, motivation).</li> </ul> <p>Questions were raised about how to get everyone on board (e.g. in a row of properties) and funding (where costs greater than the FDGiA available)</p> <p>RT: Used a 'take it or leave it' approach – not important to have everyone involved in this case. Council-owned ones are easy to get on board. Some were concerned about the effect on their insurance policies and chose not to participate. Funding was topped up by local levy, homeowners and district council.</p> <p>It was noted that insurance companies not willing to contribute to PLP – only paying for like for like replacement not betterment.</p> <p>KL: important to manage expectations, to ensure homeowners know exactly what they're signing up to. Important for politicians to be clear on this also!</p> <p>JBA consultants undertook a PLP evaluation report in 2014. KL to circulate. NB. JBA deliver PLP scheme for EA so possible conflict of interest!</p>	<p><b>KL</b></p>
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8.	<b>AOB</b>	NE: Gathering information from Cumbria and Lincolnshire about their responses. Question to DCLG regarding national sandbag policy.  BP: Coopers Drive, Kessingland. Enquiry from Peter Langford regarding temporary defences – unsure why. Group: no knowledge of this matter either.	
9.	<b>Date, venue and content of next meetings</b>	<u>Agreed dates for 2016</u> <b>21 April 0930-1200 NFU offices, Newmarket</b> <b>13 July 1330-1600 EA offices, Ipswich</b> <b>15 Nov 0930 -1200 MSDC office, Needham Market</b>	

<b>ACTIONS</b>			
<b>Item reference</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Complete</b>
2. Strategy	KL to seek evidence to support the inclusion of Halesworth as a priority town  All to submit any final feedback and officer endorsement by 5 Feb and advise of timescales for their organisations to complete political sign off  Briefing note/headline to be created/shared with all councillors	Kate Lindsay  ALL  Jane Burch/All LA partners	
3. F'stowe	Anglian Water to report review of trash screens and surface water capacity  Investigate soakaways/downpipes as cause of apparent ground water flooding.	J Glerum  Jason Skilton	
Sudbury & Gt Cornard SWMP	SC to identify funding needed and what it will deliver (by ~29/01/2016). Local Councillors to be advised of revised scope of project	Simon Curl S Curl/J Grayling	
Leiston	Investigate funding in relation to Leiston and eligibility for flood grant aid	Abi Singleton	
Other projects	Debenham – EA national advice on funding natural flood management works  DO to circulate full list of highway drainage projects across county to be tackled in priority order	Kate Lindsay  Derek Oldham	
4. SuDS and Planning matters	All LPA partners are asked to raise inclusion of Flooding on validation lists with relevant planning officers to ensure validation process is changed to include flooding asap.	All LPA partners	
5. PLP	Circulate JBA March 2014 evaluation report of PLP.	Kate Lindsay	26/01/16
6. EA updates	Invite James Williams to next meeting  Share learning from PSCA	Kate Lindsay  BP	

<p>7. Review of Minutes from last meeting 29/10/2015</p>	<p>Outstanding actions:</p> <p>8. Ensure AW project and Sudbury SWMP aligned</p> <p>Update EA system with SCC project finances</p> <p>9. Update on Stonelodge Park for next meeting</p> <p>Include advice on beneficial use of clays in Suffolk SuDS guidance'</p>	<p><b>S Curl/J Glerum</b></p> <p><b>S Curl</b></p> <p><b>Denis Cooper</b></p> <p><b>Simon Curl</b></p>	