

# Notice of Flood Advisory Group Meeting

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**Wednesday 2 May 2018 at 4.00pm**

**HMS Phoebe Committee Room, Town Hall,  
Bournemouth**

**Group Members:**

Councillor Philip Stanley-Watts - Chairman  
Councillor John Trickett – Vice-Chairman  
Councillor Stephen Bartlett  
Councillor Jackie Edwards  
Councillor Michael Weinhonig

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**All Members of the Group are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda at the pages below.**

**The public, press and any Councillor are welcome to attend this meeting.**

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# Agenda

## Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

### 1 Apologies

### 2 Substitute Members

The Democratic Services Officer will report on any changes in the membership of the Committee, under Procedure Rule 89.

### 3 Declarations of interest

Members are asked to declare in accordance with Procedure Rule 5:

- a. any disclosable pecuniary interests in any item under consideration at the meeting as required by the Localism Act 2011;
- b. any memberships of outside bodies where such membership involves a position of control or significant influence on the organisation concerned;

Members are also asked to state fully the nature of the interest(s). If any member has a query regarding possible interests, please contact the Democratic and Overview and Scrutiny Officer in advance of the meeting.

### 4 Confirmation of minutes

- a. To confirm the minutes of the Flood Advisory Group meeting held on 31 January 2018, circulated at **4** and available electronically at:  
<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/councildemocratic/CouncilMeetings/CommitteeMeetings/FloodAdvisoryGroup/2018/01/31/Minutes/flood-advisory-group-minutes.pdf>
- b. To consider the Group's action sheet, circulated at **4b**.

### 5 Public items

#### a Public questions.

The Democratic Services Officer will report on any public questions received by the notice deadline.

#### b Deputations.

The Democratic Services Officer will report on any deputation requests received by the notice deadline.

c **Petitions.**

The Democratic Services Officer will report on any petitions received by the notice deadline.

6 **Update on local flooding issues**

The Flooding and Drainage Manager will provide a summary of local flooding issues since the last meeting.

7 **Wessex Water**

The Group will receive an update from a representative of Wessex Water.

8 **Environment Agency**

The Group will receive an update from a representative of the Environment Agency.

9 **Forward Planning**

The Engineering and Major Contracts Manager will provide a verbal update on the programme for 2018

10 **Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee**

The Group will receive an update on the main issues raised at the meeting held on 26 April 2018

11 **Review of the Flood Risk Management Strategy**

The Group will receive an update on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy review. The full report can be found at the following link:

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/environment-and-sustainability/Documents/lfrms-nov-2015.pdf>

12 **Any other business** – of which notice has been received before the meeting and by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the record of decisions, the Chair is of the opinion that the items should be considered as a matter of urgency.

**FLOOD ADVISORY GROUP  
31 January 2018**

**GROUP MEMBERS:** Councillor Philip Stanley-Watts - Chairman; Councillor John Trickett - Vice-Chairman; Councillor Stephen Bartlett and Jackie Edwards

**From Bournemouth Borough Council:**

Paul Ambrose	Flooding and Drainage Manager
Stuart Best	Street Services Manager
Anthony Kirby	Engineering and Major Contracts Manager

**From Wessex Water:**

Gillian Sanders	Flood Risk Co-ordinator
John Hole	Assistant Sewerage Manager

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm

**SECTION I - BUSINESS RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL**

No items

**SECTION II - BUSINESS DECIDED UNDER DELEGATED POWER**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Michael Weinhonig.

**2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests or other interest from members.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND ACTION SHEET**

**DECISION MADE:**

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Panel considered and noted the action sheet.

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### 5. PUBLIC ISSUES

There were no public questions, deputations, or petitions submitted for the Group to consider.

### 6. UPDATE ON LOCAL FLOODING ISSUES

An update was given on the local and national flooding issues that had occurred since the last meeting of the Flood Advisory Group. The main national developments discussed included an announcement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of a Multi-Agency Flood Plan Review and the release of new bathing water statistics that revealed a high standard of bathing water in England. In addition to this a Flood Risk Management and funding Briefing Paper had been released; a scoping study had looked at support for partnership funding in flood and coastal erosion risk management and there had been news of flooding in Lancashire. The Group were also informed that the Environment Agency (EA) had launched a public consultation on the cost of its permits and business charges. The EA had also released a series of short films to help communities in the North East be better prepared for flooding and had announced plans to map England's entire landscape by 2020, this data would be used to assess flood risk and inform conservation work.

The main local updates included the publication of an article in BH life to aid residents understanding of drains, blockages and flooding issues. This article was produced at the request of the Group. A Bournemouth, Christchurch, East Dorset and North Dorset Joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment had been finalized. There had also been a gully blocked by tree roots in Hawkwood Road, this had been cleared. It was highlighted that roots growing into gullies had become an increasing problem across the borough and early detection was important to fix the problem before it became a much larger issue. In addition to this, Natural England, Wessex Water, the Environment Agency and Bournemouth Borough Council had met to discuss the dilution of natural acidic water in Turbary Common, due to water run-off from landfill and the surrounding roads the wildlife of the designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), protected by law, was degrading. In addition to these updates the Flooding and Drainage Manager highlighted that although there had been a number of storms, rainfall levels were lower than average. There had also been a succession of flooding alerts in January and some external flooding incidents.

The main questions raised included the following:

- The method for data collection and mapping in regards to the Bournemouth, Christchurch, East Dorset and North Dorset Joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment;
- Details of the updates to the Bournemouth, Christchurch, East Dorset and North Dorset Joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment including significant updates to information on surface water flooding, sewerage flooding and ground water flooding;
- Why Poole was not included in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment in the context of Local Government Reorganisation and Shared services. This

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was the case because the original document was based on the catchment of the River Stour;

- Why the change of ecological benefits at Turbary Common would lead to the loss of the SSSI status and the need to protect the site under heathland protection law;
- The development of a dip near Whitelegg Way and the steps taken to investigate it;

### **DECISION MADE:**

The Group agreed to note the update.

## **7. GULLY CLEANSING**

The Street Services Manager provided an update report to members on the general principles involved in delivering Bournemouth Borough Council's gully cleansing and highway drainage maintenance service.

The main questions raised included the following:

- The situation leading to flooding in Columbia Road and an alleyway between Columbia Road and Heaton Road, this would be looked at by the relevant Officers;
- The procedure and plans for future 'enviro-clean' days;
- The impact of litter, tree roots and foliage on the upkeep of gullies and the targeted cleaning of these areas by the Gully and Street Services Team to mitigate the issue;
- The role of the new centrally procured contract with Rescue Rod;
- The role of GPS tracking in gully cleansing and the identification of reoccurring issues;
- The impact of root growth on the changing locations of gullies

### **DECISION MADE:**

The Group agreed to note the update.

## **8. WESSEX WATER**

Wessex Water provided an update on sewer flooding to the Flood Advisory Group. The update included current, emerging and recently completed flood schemes. The two main schemes discussed were Columbia Road and Percy Road. In addition to this the short, medium and long term Bournemouth Strategy was discussed. The Group were also informed of forthcoming Drainage and Wasteland Management Plans. It was highlighted that a Drainage and Wasteland Management Plans project sponsored by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Ofwat would be introduced. The plans involved all the sewerage companies working together to streamline a long-term drainage strategy, that would identify issues in a catchment, how those issues were to be dealt with and over what timescales. The group were informed that

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Bournemouth would be amongst the first ten catchments to have a plan implemented. The Group were also informed that there would be annual reports but also real term mapping that would show updates to schemes as they were happening. There was a further update on Percy Road, which was on target to reopen the following week, however there would be some traffic management during peak times. The Group were also informed that a Coastal Interceptor Sewer at Seafield road had shown signs of deterioration, this had led to the roads closure with works due to be complete at the end of April.

### **DECISION MADE:**

The Group agreed to note the update.

## **9. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

The Panel considered a written update from the Environment Agency and agreed to forward any questions to the Democratic Services Officers.

### **DECISION MADE:**

The Group agreed to note the update and forward any queries to Democratic Services.

## **10. FORWARD PLANNING**

The Engineering and Major Contracts Manager gave a verbal update. It was highlighted to the Group that approximately £40,000 had been secured on an annual basis for flooding and drainage work. A number of potential interventions were low cost but could have a significant impact, for example the previously overhauled pumping stations and ditch work clearing. The schedule of repairs was the Council's priority and repairs would be carried out as funding became available. The Council were not bidding for capital due to the initial outlay involved in investigating larger projects however if necessary those projects would be moved forward.

### **DECISION MADE:**

The Group agreed to note the update.

## **11. WESSEX REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL COMMITTEE**

The Engineering and Major Contracts Manager gave an update to the Flood Advisory group on the Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee meeting that took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It was highlighted that the Committee was made up of elected Members and Officers who had a steer on the Environment Agencies' regional programme and the particular areas of work that could use Local Levy funding. This funding would be pursued. Matters raised included the continued funding of the Beach Project and an item on the



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property flood resilience framework that could potentially lead to the implementation of a scheme. The next meeting of the Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee was to be at the Flood Forecasting Centre, Exeter on 26 April 2018.

### **DECISION MADE:**

The Group agreed to note the update.

## **12. REVIEW OF THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Flooding and Drainage Manager reported that the Council was legally required to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management under Section 9 of the Floods and Water Management Act 2010. The Defra Guidance for Local Flood Risk Management Strategies highlighted that the plan should be periodically reviewed to ensure it was still fit for purpose. Additionally, there should be a relatively short period before an initial review. Bournemouth Council's Flood Risk Management Strategy was approved by Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and the review period was agreed for 2 years after the Strategy's adoption. As the review was due Members were asked to look at the strategy to identify where there may be a need for any amendments or updates and to forward these to the Flooding and Drainage Manager within two weeks. Once the Members updates had been received the strategy would go out to professional partners for comment and then finally statutory consultees. The process was expected to last 6 months. A Member asked whether the flooding events and maps used in the strategy could be updated. The Flooding and Drainage Manager agreed to include up to date incidents in the strategy and would update the maps when new data became available.

### **DECISION MADE:**

1. The Flood Advisory Group Members reviewed the Local Strategy for Flood Risk Management and agreed to a wider review that would include consulting professional partners and interested parties;
2. The strategy was to come back to the next Flood Advisory Group meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May with feedback and to the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July with the findings in a final report. The strategy would then be updated accordingly. The findings would also be taken to Overview and Scrutiny.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A Member thanked Democratic Services for organising a visit to the EA Blandford Office.

There was no other business at this meeting

The meeting finished at 17:35

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Please note that the next meeting of the Flood Advisory Group will take place at the Town Hall, Bourne Avenue on **2 May 2018**. It is recommended that you double check this information with Democratic Services nearer the scheduled date of the next meeting in case the arrangements have been changed.

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## Action Sheet - Flood Advisory Group

4b

Minute number	Item	Decision/Action* *Items remain until action completed.	Outcome and Benefit
<b>Actions Arising from FAG meeting: 31 January 2018</b>			
7	<b>Gully Cleansing</b>	Members raised the issue of flooding in Columbia Road and an alleyway between Columbia Road and Heaton Road. Officers agreed to investigate the issue.  <b><i>✓Actioned - officers visited the site and have identified a solution provided funding becomes available</i></b>	
12	<b>Review of the Flood Risk Management Strategy</b>	Members to receive an update on the consultation for the Flood Risk Management Strategy at the FAG meeting in May.  <b><i>✓Actioned - on the work programme May 2<sup>nd</sup>.</i></b>	To ensure members can contribute to the development of the Flood Risk Management Strategy
12	<b>Review of the Flood Risk Management Strategy</b>	Members to receive a final report on the review of the Flood Risk Management Strategy when it is complete.	Members are up to date on developments to the Flood Risk Management Strategy

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<b>Actions arising from FAG meeting: 26 July 2017</b>			
26	Flood RE update	FAG requested details of how participating insurers engage with new clients  <b>Action</b> - Insurance and Risk Manager to circulate information to members by email	Members fully briefed and able to respond to queries from residents.