

Flood Risk Management Strategy Task and Finish Group

1. Membership

6 elected members – representatives appointed by each of the Council's Member Area Groups

2. Officer Input

Officers from the Council's Highways and Environmental Services department, along with Officers from Planning and Public Protection plus others as appropriate.

3. Purpose of the Study

To explore options and outcomes required within the new Flood Risk Management Strategy. This document is a Statutory requirement placed upon all councils by the Welsh Government and needs to be ratified in 2024.

4. Sphere of Study

To:

- (i) examine and review the current Flood Risk Strategy document and to make recommendations for amendments and improvements.
- (ii) To review any recent changes to legislation and to contribute as to how these can be applied to Denbighshire.
- (iii) To work with relevant officers to gain an understanding as to how decisions can be implemented. This will include any implications with regards to both budget and policy.
- (iv) To use their local knowledge of flooding issues such that a new Strategy might serve to alleviate / resolve these.
- (v) To build on previous good work in terms of liaison with stakeholders such as NRW, landowners etc. so as to ensure a new Strategy links into these groups.

5. Timescales

The Task and Finish Group will determine its timescale for undertaking the work and inform Communities Scrutiny Committee of the anticipated timeframe. It should be noted however that the draft strategy document will need to go out for wider consultation before ratification in Spring 2024 so any meetings will need to fit in with this.

6. Governance

Upon the conclusion of its work the Task and Finish Group will contribute to the completed draft Strategy document. Ultimately this will be reviewed and ratified by Full Council.

7. Administration

An officer from Highways and Environmental Services will provide administrative support to the Task and Finish Group. They will be responsible

for keeping an appropriate record of the Group's proceedings which shall be made available upon request to elected members and/or Democratic Services staff.

Elected Members:

1 representative from each Member Area Group (MAG)

Dee Valley: to be appointed

Denbigh: to be appointed

Elwy: to be appointed

Prestatyn: to be appointed

Rhyl: to be appointed

Ruthin: to be appointed

Officer Support to the Group:

Andy Clark (Acting Head of Highways and Environmental Services)/Tim Towers (Section Manager – Network Management, Highways and Environmental Services or representative)

Representative of Denbighshire County Council's Planning Service: to be appointed

Administrative Support (Highways and Environmental Services)

*Lead Member(s) can be invited as expert witness(es)