

DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL
SUBJECT:	PROTECTING, PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE RIVER ITCHEN IN SOUTHAMPTON – FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT
DATE OF DECISION:	19 JANUARY 2023
REPORT OF:	SCRUTINY MANAGER

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
In accordance with the inquiry plan, for the fourth meeting of the ‘Protecting, Preserving and Promoting the River Itchen in Southampton Inquiry’ the Panel will be considering flood risk management and the River Itchen Flood Alleviation Scheme.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	The Panel is recommended to consider the comments made by the invited guests and use the information provided as evidence in the review.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	To enable the Panel to compile a file of evidence in order to formulate findings and recommendations at the end of the review process.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	None.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	The Panel were informed at the inaugural meeting of the inquiry that the Itchen River corridor in Southampton is a flood risk zone. Therefore, at the fourth meeting of the inquiry the Panel will be considering flood risk management.
4.	Tidal flooding is the greatest flood risk facing the city with approximately 10% of the city being identified as at risk. Currently, there are no formal raised flood defences in the city. However, Southampton City Council in partnership with the Environment Agency who are the responsible body for managing the risk of flooding from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries and the sea, is in the

	initial stages of developing a flood infrastructure scheme known as the River Itchen Flood Alleviation Scheme. This scheme aims to reduce the risk of tidal flooding to large areas of Northam, St Marys and Chapel.
5.	<p>To develop the Panel's understanding of flood risk management associated with the River Itchen in Southampton, and the approaches being employed to mitigate risk, the following guests have been invited to the meeting:</p> <p>The Environment Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blake Jones – Project Executive, River Itchen Flood Alleviation Scheme, Environment Agency • Dave Martin – Flood and Coastal Risk Management Partnership & Strategic Overview Team Leader, New Forest, Test & Itchen, Environment Agency • Saleena Hansraj, Senior Advisor Asset Performance, Solent South Downs, Environment Agency <p>Southampton City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annamarie Hooper – SCC Service Manager, Service Delivery and Compliance • Sam Foulds – SCC Flood Risk Management Team Leader • Car Brims – SCC Flood Risk Officer
6.	The invited guests will take questions from the Panel relating to the evidence provided. Copies of any presentations will be made available to the Panel.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u>	
7.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
8.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
9.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
10.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
11.	None
KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	

1.	None
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
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Data Protection Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
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Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None