

Flood Recommendations			
Overview & Scrutiny Committee (22 Sept 2016) – Flood Response Report: Key Recommendations		Leeds City Region Flood Review Report (Dec 2016): Flood Review Recommendations	
1.	Work should be undertaken to examine the true cost of the floods to the City Region as part of the Leeds City Region Flood Review, including in terms of the business and tourism economies to inform future planning and funding bids to Government for flood infrastructure and flood damage relief funding.	3.	Carry out further work to quantify the indirect economic impacts of flooding in the City Region to better understand infrastructure resilience needs.
2.	The Leeds City Region Flood Review should also include an examination of infrastructure at risk of future flooding and the available resources to deal with any infrastructure deficiencies and flood resilience issues.	1.	The Combined Authority, in partnership with the Environment Agency, local authorities, local resilience forums and other partners, map and undertake a full assessment of the resilience of the critical infrastructure to cope with major future flood events within whole river catchment areas, further developing the approach taken by the National Flood Resilience Review.
		2.	Develop a City Region Flood Resilience Delivery and Investment Plan drawing together all funding sources to enhance and / or bring forward flood mitigation projects over the next five years and beyond to protect communities and support economic growth and development. This will include setting out the approach to addressing the long-term infrastructure resilience needs across Leeds City Region, including the contribution of green infrastructure.
3.	More should be done to explore further ways of working to make the best use of the capacity of Utility Companies in responding to flood events, building on the positive response experienced at the time of the Boxing Day floods.	18.	Further collaboration between the Combined Authority and Yorkshire Water to identify where reservoirs may better assist with flood risk management as part of a package of measures, without compromising the supply of water to the City Region. This may include amendments sought by the Combined Authority to legislation and

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			regulations to enable water companies to manage their reservoirs to more effectively contribute to reducing the impacts of flooding.
4.	The review of the Leeds City Region Green Infrastructure Strategy should adopt a whole catchment based approach to considering the role of green infrastructure in improving the long term resilience to potential flood events both upstream and downstream of rivers and other watercourses.	2.	Develop a City Region Flood Resilience Delivery and Investment Plan drawing together all funding sources to enhance and / or bring forward flood mitigation projects over the next five years and beyond to protect communities and support economic growth and development. This will include setting out the approach to addressing the long-term infrastructure resilience needs across Leeds City Region, including the contribution of green infrastructure.
		13.	Adopt a whole catchment approach to flood risk and resilience and ensure that resources are made available to promote and instigate natural flood management , identifying best practice and building on what is already being done across the City Region. This should include a focus on the identification and development of funding mechanisms to enable more rapid and expansive progress on natural flood and upland management.
5.	Resilience Frameworks should be developed for whole catchment areas including for flood plains, including providing a focus on commercial premises and the knock-on effect on businesses in general if critical communication infrastructure is affected by flood events.	2.	Develop a City Region Flood Resilience Delivery and Investment Plan drawing together all funding sources to enhance and / or bring forward flood mitigation projects over the next five years and beyond to protect communities and support economic growth and development. This will include setting out the approach to addressing the long-

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			term infrastructure resilience needs across Leeds City Region, including the contribution of green infrastructure.
		11.	Explore the opportunities for a simpler claiming process for individual residents or businesses after flood events with government and the insurance industry.
6.	The Combined Authority and Local Authorities should work with the emergency agencies to explore the appetite and opportunities for adopting a policy whereby whichever agency was on the scene first, dealt with the emergency; with any conciliation and resource costs between agencies being dealt with in a collaborative and positive manner after the flood event emergency has subsided.	4.	Undertake a review, led by the West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire Resilience Forums, of the emergency command structures to identify any potential improvements and ensure they are fit for purpose.
7.	Explore whether a single public emergency contact telephone number could be agreed across the Leeds City Region, for example, within an existing utility company call centre, to provide a more effective single contact point for the general public and for the dissemination of necessary information in times of emergency.	8.	Explore the benefits and practicalities of establishing a single public emergency contact telephone number for the City Region.
8.	Similarly, explore with local authorities and relevant agencies the opportunity to better utilise modern social media to provide real-time information to the public about flood relief and emergency measures before and during flood incidents.	9.	Build stronger relationships between local resilience forms and local authorities with local media to raise awareness of real time issues and access to emergency help, and embed best practice from social media into emergency plans.
9.	Explore with the insurance industry and Government the opportunities for a less complex loss adjustment approach, to provide a less onerous and streamlined	11.	Explore the opportunities for a simpler claiming process for individual residents or businesses after flood events with government and the insurance industry.

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	process for individual residents or businesses after flood events.		
10.	Work with the Environment Agency, Government and Local Authorities to identify ongoing funding gaps for necessary flood infrastructure and flood resilience measures, and seek commitments to filling these funding gaps through the City Region’s Devolution Deals; aligning different sources of funding, and making better use of the existing resources of all relevant bodies and agencies.	2.	Develop a City Region Flood Resilience Delivery and Investment Plan drawing together all funding sources to enhance and / or bring forward flood mitigation projects over the next five years and beyond to protect communities and support economic growth and development. This will include setting out the approach to addressing the long-term infrastructure resilience needs across Leeds City Region, including the contribution of green infrastructure.
		19.	Exploration between the Combined Authority, the LEP and government through devolution , the potential long-term opportunities to maximise effective, more integrated arrangements for flood risk management and investment in the future.