



Surface Water and Drainage Partnership
 North Tyneside Council, Quadrant East – Room 4.01
 Wednesday 8 January 2014

Present:	Cllr John Harrison (Chair) Michael Arthur Mike Madine Phil Scott Richard Robinson Dave Escott Mark Newlands Kevin Ridpath Eleanor Binks Andrew MacDougall Felicity Shoemith Ian Conway Derek Smith	North Tyneside Council Capita Northumbrian Water North Tyneside Council Environment Agency Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue North Tyneside Council Capita North Tyneside Council Nexus North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council Capita
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In Attendance	Janine Charlton	North Tyneside Council
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Apologies	Jackie Laughton Cllr Hodson Barry Pilkington Cllr Carole Burdis Phil Welton Ian Lillie Mandy Shea	North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council Capita North Tyneside Council Environment Agency North Tyneside Council Northumbria Police
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Item	Decision / Action	Who and when
1.	<u>Welcome and introductions</u> Members of the group were welcomed and introductions were made. Apologies noted.	
2.	<u>Notes of last meeting</u> Agreed.	



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3.	<p><u>Partner Update - Nexus</u></p> <p>AM gave a presentation noting the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of who Nexus are and what they do. • Identified problem stations in North Tyneside system. • Reporting & response to flood warnings. • Prevention & mitigation. • Future works. <p>As to the issue of flooding from Dickie Holmes, AM informed the group that Nexus will be working with Capita in 2015 to renew the culvert under the Metro in line with Nexus track renewal programme.</p> <p>ACTION: PS will ensure that Nexus have access to the North Tyneside flood maps.</p> <p>AM will share the Nexus work programme with members of the Partnership.</p>	Phil Scott
4.	<p><u>Flood Risk Management Strategy</u></p> <p>MA circulated the table of contents and the objectives and measures pages from the Flood Risk Management Strategy. Comments were received on the document in December and it is still a work in progress.</p> <p>It was discussed that section 4.2 Local Objectives key points need to be developed with North Tyneside Officers.</p> <p>RR noted that nationally there has been a lot of criticism of agencies over flooding and good communication will be key to the strategy.</p> <p>MA noted that the consultation is still open.</p>	

5.	<p><u>Flood Risk Implementation Plan</u></p> <p>KR presented the group with the progress of the Flood Risk Implementation Plan up to quarter 3.</p> <p>The group discussed the plans for the minor and major work plans and JH stressed the importance of working closely with the Engagement Team. FS noted the need to be more proactive with residents, including identifying and sharing information on any actions they could take to help protect their properties. When more detailed plans are available suggested holding a Market Place event, giving residents an opportunity to find out about what is happening around their home / in their street. KR confirmed that there are leaflets being produced to go out to residents and they will be more precise than what has been previously released.</p> <p>KR also updated the group on the planned work for quarter 4.</p> <p>It was noted that the tidal surge on the 5 December has an estimated repair bill of £221k and a bid will be submitted to DEFRA for emergency funding.</p>	Phil Scott
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6.	<p><u>Flood Season Plan/Preparedness</u></p> <p>The group discussed the tidal surge incident and noted that the partnership response was very successful. RR noted that the Environment Agency has received good reports on the work carried out and that there was a good command level of support with the Police and Capita.</p>	
7	<p><u>Future Approach to Roles & Responsibilities</u></p> <p>JH asked members of the group to consider their roles and responsibilities in relation to legislation, funding and improving Partnership working. The group discussed what they can do within their powers and with current resources and what legalities there are for example issues with the golf course flooding.</p> <p>ACTION: PS to coordinate a review of roles and responsibilities with will be used in future communications. FS offered to be part of this group.</p>	Phil Scott/Felicity Shoemith



8.	<p><u>Community Preparedness & Resilience</u></p> <p>The group received a report giving an update of the Flooding Community Preparedness sub – group.</p> <p>FS highlighted the section on flood wardens noting that the sub group now has a clearer understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Copies of the flood warden’s handbook were circulated for information. FS informed the group that the sub group will be working towards the launch of the flood wardens by the end of March 2014 and more targeted training will be rolled out. FS thanked Capita for their assistance with the engagement work carried out October to December.</p> <p>The group went on to discuss the Flood Ready Flood Safe leaflet, which has received positive comments on Radio Newcastle. RR raised the issue of the Environment Agency branding. The group AGREED that this would be discussed further at the next meeting as the group do not want to lose recognition for the good work that has already be completed.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Dates of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Surface Water & Drainage Partnership Board will be held on Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 4pm, Quadrant East, room 4.01</p>	