



Surface Water and Drainage Partnership  
 North Tyneside Council, Quadrant East – Room 4.01  
 Wednesday 15 October 2014

<b>Present:</b>	Phil Scott (Chair)	North Tyneside Council
	Cllr Ed Hodson	North Tyneside Council
	Leila Huntington	Environment Agency
	Kevin Ridpath	Capita
	Mike Madine	Northumbrian Water
	Jackie Laughton	North Tyneside Council
	Martin Kennedy	Northumbrian Water
	Paul Worth	North Tyneside Council
	Mark Newlands	North Tyneside Council

<b>In Attendance</b>	Julia Mather	North Tyneside Council
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<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr John Harrison	North Tyneside Council
	Stephen Readdie	Northumbria Police
	Paul Hanson	North Tyneside Council
	Barry Pilkington	Capita
	Cllr Carole Burdis	North Tyneside Council
	Phil Clarke	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue
	Eleanor Binks	North Tyneside Council
	Jean Griffiths	North Tyneside Council

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1.	<p><b><u>Welcome and introductions</u></b></p> <p>Members of the group were welcomed, introductions were made and apologies noted.</p>	Phil Scott
2.	<p><b><u>Notes of last meeting and matters arising</u></b></p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Hodson asked about progress on arrangements being put in place for more multi-skilled and joint working.</p> <p>Jackie Laughton referred back to the example given at the time, where there had been no declaration of emergency, but Northumbria Police still attended the incident.</p>	



	<p>The Emergency Response Leadership Group is a multi-agency group that meets on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>There is a well-structured command structure to contribute to the situation.</p> <p>Cllr Hodson requested an update on work being done around flood prevention. Paul Worth reported that all new build design is mindful of flooding issues, and influences future design. A flood preparation exercise has been carried out regarding older people's housing. Northumbrian Water has also been working on the flood defences.</p> <p>Cllr Hodson reiterated the need to keep proactive publicity around flooding and what we are doing on a regular basis as residents are still very concerned around the risk of flooding. ACTION: to have a communications plan around flooding and to include it in the overall communications and engagement plan.</p> <p>Cllr Hodson requested more information on the Longbenton Letch. Leila Huntington reported that some modelling was being done, with consultants beginning work on the Longbenton model. Results are to be expected by Christmas, and a better idea of risk will be known then. The model is expected to show the consequences of a blockage in poor conditions, or if it collapsed.</p> <p>3. <b><u>Flood Risk Management Strategy</u></b></p> <p>The work on this has completed and the item can be removed from the agenda going forward.</p> <p>4. <b><u>Flood Risk Implementation Plan</u></b></p> <p>Update from Kevin Ridpath on the schemes underway - including where there has been consultation with residents in the areas involved. This is particularly in key areas such as Shiremoor.</p> <p>The group agreed to promote and publicise the progress being made in partnership - actual schemes are progressing, and how we are working though the list of priorities.</p>	Jackie Laughton
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	<p>Unique approach in NT to have a group like the SWDP and to have other activities such as flood wardens. There is great partnership working with Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water.</p> <p>5. <b><u>Flood Season Plan/Preparedness</u></b></p> <p>It was confirmed that there had been no call outs since the last meeting.</p> <p>6. <b><u>Community Preparedness &amp; Resilience</u></b></p> <p>Jackie Laughton provided this update to the group. Significant progress has been made to date and Jackie also talked about next steps to progress. A feature in the next edition of the Council's residents magazine is planned, which will include information for householders to take actions themselves e.g. water butts, rain gardens etc. Mike Madine from Northumbrian Water offered to share information from an engagement project which they had done elsewhere to encourage people to do these types of things.</p> <p>Cllr Hodson asked if Northumbrian Water staff are able to access their inspection points. It was confirmed that, as part of Northumbrian Water's sewerage inspection regime, all higher risk locations are inspected. Any resident can report an issue however, and in low risk areas this dealt with as a response, not a proactive inspection. A mapping system is in place to plot manholes, but they could be buried under Decking, resurfacing work etc. There is no need to have access to every inspection point on an ongoing basis, but all high risk areas will be accessible.</p>	<p>JL/MM</p>
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<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>Killingworth and Longbenton Sustainable Sewerage Project</u></b></p> <p>Update from Mark Newlands on this unique partnership project between Northumbrian Water, NTC and the Environment Agency. It was explained that there would not just be benefits in terms of surface water flood management, but also broader outcomes. In terms of timescales, financial decisions by financial year end and construction 2017 - 2021.</p> <p>Needs a communication and engagement strategy to support the project. Whole range of key stakeholders to engage with - including communities impacted. Jackie to contact Mark Newlands around identifying someone to work as part of the project to help them with a strategy and plan. Also to provide information on key community groups that can be involved. Agreed that the project team will work with ward councillors in the first instance to bring them up to speed.</p> <p>Cllr Hodson enquired about the cost of alterations to Killingworth Lake. Martin Kennedy agreed that this information could be provided.</p> <p>The group agreed that key milestones should be brought to the attention of Ward Councillors, and used in the Council magazine, etc. It is important to get timing and balance right, and not raise expectations. It was suggested the Community Champions approach could work for Flood Wardens.</p> <p>Mark Newlands agreed that this presentation be provided to Ward Councillors towards the end of November/beginning of December, to highlight the positive schemes being carried out.</p>	<p>Jackie Laughton/ Jeanette Hedley/Mark Newlands/ Duncan Bennett</p> <p>Martin Kennedy</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>16:00 – 18:00 Room 4.01 Wednesday 14 January 2015</p>	