



Surface Water and Drainage Partnership
North Tyneside Council, Quadrant East – Room 4.01
Wednesday 15 July 2015

Present:	Cllr John Harrison Kevin Ridpath Mark Newlands Graeme Hurst Andy MacDougall Andrew Holmes Jackie Laughton Eleanor Binks Paul Worth	North Tyneside Council Capita North Tyneside Council Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Nexus North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council
In Attendance	Julia Mather	North Tyneside Council
Apologies	Phil Scott Mike Madine Stephen Readdie Daniel Stansfield	North Tyneside Council Northumbrian Water Ltd Northumbria Police Capita

Item	Decision / Action	Who and
1.	<p><u>Welcome and introductions</u></p> <p>Members of the group were welcomed, introductions were made and apologies noted.</p>	Cllr Harrison
2.	<p><u>Notes of last meeting and matters arising</u></p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Harrison referred to Item 3 – Killingworth and Longbenton Sustainable Drainage Partnership presentation. It was suggested that a version of the presentation be taken to the Mayor's Listening Event on 18 August. This was AGREED.</p>	Mark Newlands
3.	<p><u>Killingworth and Longbenton Sustainable Drainage Partnership – Update (NTC/Environment Agency/Northumbrian Water)</u></p> <p>Mark Newlands reported that the presentation had been taken to an event at Westmoor Community Centre last week, attended by over 50 residents.</p> <p>There were some good ideas heard for this £10m sustainable drainage project, a lot of interest and very good, positive feedback.</p> <p>The next stage will involve targeted engagement.</p>	

Mark drew the attention of the group to an issue surrounding the re-routing of a culvert through the cemetery. Currently there is an open water course running through the cemetery area, and the proposed idea is to take this out, and divert the water through a new culvert. Discussions are ongoing.

This project is currently at business case stage, and is progressing well. It has been well received at events.

Submission date for grant application is 15 December

The overall scheme encompasses 4 wards, and a query was raised as to how this may impact the Killingworth Moor development.

The members agreed that the groups involved in each of these projects need to get together to discuss this.

It was confirmed that the work is already being joined up, with Capita team now in contact with the Killingworth/Longbenton team.

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Flood Risk Implementation Plan

As agreed at the previous meeting, the update from Kevin Ridpath on the schemes included the financial data on the schemes.

The update provided Spend Profile information on the Flood Alleviation Scheme Design and Installation from 2013/14 through to 2017/18.

£4.5m spend over 4 years was reported, with priority schemes being started first.

It was agreed that local councillors in Monkseaton be kept updated regarding Murton gap.

Andy MacDougall of Nexus confirmed that, following some slippage regarding timescales, work will be carried out in March 2016.

The designs are due in, and then this work will be going ahead, fitting in with Nexus's own maintenance/upgrading programme.

The group considered any work that could be carried out beyond 2017/18.

Currently money from Environment Agency for future works is being bid for.

The need to have an exit strategy in case funding ceases was highlighted, as works are reliant on grant funding only.

	<p>The list runs to 180 schemes, each scheme was prioritised, and the current funding deals with big sites. The area could be left with a legacy of small schemes to chip away at. A business case is needed around this.</p> <p>It was suggested that the smaller schemes be reviewed and a reasonable value set against them, to see if funding can be negotiated.</p> <p>Cllr Harrison was clear that this is the kind of information that he would need going forward, as it will be used as part of Budget setting discussions from September.</p> <p>The group considered whether the remaining schemes should be risk assessed. Has the work already carried out affected any of the smaller schemes, has there been any alleviation from further up the line?</p> <p>5. <u>Flood Season Plan/Preparedness</u></p> <p>Mark Newlands reported that there had been no call outs since the last meeting.</p> <p>The Operational Flood Action Plan has been reviewed in light of the mitigation measures that have been put in place. The Plan has been updated and some areas have been downgraded in terms of risk. The Flood Wardens are also in place.</p> <p>6. <u>Community Preparedness & Resilience</u></p> <p>Jackie Laughton presented an update on the work being carried out around Community Preparedness, and provided group members with a copy of the latest Flood Ready Flood Safe feature contained within the recent Our North Tyneside Residents magazine.</p> <p>Jackie reported that the Community Preparedness group intended to focus on working with businesses as this has traditionally not been as strong an area.</p> <p>Andrew Holmes reported that Northumbrian Water Ltd (NWL) had shared guidance from the Royal Horticultural Society around paving front gardens, and alleviating risk. This information to be provided at the Mayor’s Listening Events.</p> <p>The group discussed the focus of the Community Preparedness group, and it was suggested that greater weight be given to “managing water” rather than flood prevention. This could look at sustainable drainage and getting more people involved.</p>	<p>Andrew Holmes</p>
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<p>7.</p>	<p>The development of the Local Plan was considered, and the issue of drainage. Guidance to be given towards the development of business parks and housing developments.</p> <p>Jackie reported that Flood Wardens are involved in emergency planning, and have been taking part in design simulations on flooding to keep them engaged. Jackie agreed to check and report back on the number of flood wardens appointed so far.</p> <p>The recent training several members of the group have undertaken on Dementia awareness, has highlighted the need to ensure that those in a customer-facing role also have awareness of dementia, and vulnerable people living at home. Jackie agreed to ensure that the Flood Wardens undertake the Dementia Friends training.</p> <p><u>Lead Local Flooding Authority/SuDS/NECA SuDS Regional Working Group</u></p> <p>Andrew Holmes presented to the group on the work of this Authority as the lead Local Flooding Authority, responsible for commenting on and providing checks on the SuDS requirements of housing developments.</p> <p>It was reported that going forward with the Local Plan, information is needed up front to obtain the best solutions and housing developments.</p> <p>This group agreed that clarity on their policy around this is needed, and an understanding of what North Tyneside Council would have to do to support this.</p> <p>The group agreed that the right solution is needed from the outset, and that investment is required in order to do this the way we would want to. Specialist expertise and advice would be of benefit.</p> <p>The group also discussed the work of the North East Combined Authority (NECA) and the SuDS Regional Working Group. Gateshead is leading this group, under the NECA banner, and working with NWL.</p> <p>The group recognises the wider benefits of SuDS, but it needs to be factored in at as early a stage as possible. The group (and NTC) need a position/view on this.</p>	<p>Jackie Laughton</p>
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There is a projection within the Local Plan of the amount of homes to be built, and it is important to ensure the right SuDS is in place for this.

The group considered the advantages of lakes in the four areas of North Tyneside, as a way of holding water, while other options involve getting it out to sea. As part of the Local Plan, at consultation events, there could be a message to get out that flooding could be a concern, but it could also be an opportunity if it were developed properly.

Policy standards are there as a basic. SuDS require visible assets which are maintainable.

Regional guidance is due to be published in the Autumn. Draft North Tyneside SuDS guidance for developers is currently being considered, and signposts National Policy. The Chair agreed that more specific guidance on SuDS is required, and proposed a meeting take place outside this group, to include Phil Scott.

Andrew undertook to make available to the group members all documents discussed.

8. **Any Other Business**

None.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Room 4.01
13:00-15:00
Wednesday 14 October 2015

Cllr
Harrison/Andrew
Holmes/Phil
Scott et al