



Surface Water and Drainage Partnership
North Tyneside Council, Quadrant East – Room 4.01
Wednesday 13 January 2016

Present:	Cllr John Harrison Phil Scott Kevin Ridpath Graeme Hurst Jackie Loughton Leila Huntington Tim Gell David Foster Mark Newlands Cllr Ed Hodson Cllr Marian Huscroft Eleanor Binks	North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council Capita Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue North Tyneside Council Environment Agency Nexus North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council
In Attendance	Julia Mather	North Tyneside Council
Apologies	Stephen Readdie Mike Madine Stephen Merritt	Northumbria Police Northumbrian Water Environment Agency

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>	
2.	<p><u>Notes of last meeting and matters arising</u></p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>It was reported that one phone call had been received about rising water levels in a previously unmonitored area during the heavy rain experienced at beginning of January. Officers attended and the area was photographed and monitored. All other calls received were regarding areas that were already being monitored.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Killingworth and Longbenton Sustainable Drainage Partnership – Update (NTC/Environment Agency/Northumbrian Water)</u></p> <p>Mark Newlands updated the group about progress of the Killingworth and Longbenton Sustainable Drainage Project, and gave a brief overview for new attendees.</p>	



4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline design and feasibility work is now all complete. • Business case to access Environment Agency funding is complete and is to be submitted w/c 18th January. A decision is expected by mid-February. • The bulk of the work is planned for the following financial year (2017), but some work will take place to divert water with a culvert from Longbenton Academy during the summer holidays. • The last part of the project will be around Killingworth Lake, to divert away from West Moor. • Mark reported that there will be media relations work taking place around the progress of this project. The group agreed it would be great to communicate progress and reengage following the securing of funding. • Mark agreed to share the timeline of the implementation plan with all members of the group. <p><u>Flood Risk Implementation Plan</u></p> <p>The group heard about schemes that have already been carried out, and the number of properties that have been protected, and considered whether the programme can be finished with the resources remaining.</p> <p>The Council's Youtube channel, showing the water diversion in situ, was highlighted to the group. Link here</p> <p>There are still large schemes to be completed, and an April/May 2016 start date is planned for the Fairfield Green scheme.</p> <p>The Shiremoor and Wellfield schemes are currently being undertaken. When complete, the next projects will be started. 80% of the Shiremoor scheme is now complete.</p> <p>There is £700,000 in Environment Agency grant to be claimed by the end of March. The team are working to complete the various parts to the application and submit the claim as a priority.</p> <p>Some big schemes can be carried out with this funding.</p> <p>This will create a great opportunity to publicise the work done on the schemes. This will help to reassure the public on the work being carried out to make a difference.</p> <p>Communications on this could show the work done to the two properties that have reported flooding and others protected as a consequence of the work carried out.</p> <p>With this issue, there is always more to do, within the confines of risk assessments. We have done our best to cover that which has been affected in the past, but it is more difficult to determine what could happen in the future.</p> <p>It is important to communicate this to members of the public. Letting people know the reality of the situation, that schemes have been prioritised in the first instance, will help to manage expectations.</p>	Mark Newlands
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<p>5.</p>	<p>There is also a modest allocation of funding to deal with ad-hoc issues after the large scheme is complete.</p> <p>The North Tyneside partnership has been on the front foot and dealt with flooding very well. Northumbrian Water has heralded the partnership as a showcase for other areas.</p> <p>While there is not an expectation that North Tyneside will have to operate without funding in the future; we will need to have contingency plans in place to ensure the work that we have been doing can continue.</p> <p>It was reported that the Council is talking to developers and Northumbrian Water about a sustainable project on Surface Water Storage Schemes. Each potential site is different and will have its own issues. Each development must be looked at individually.</p> <p><u>Flood Season Plan/Preparedness</u></p> <p>Kevin Ridpath reported on the response to the heavy rain experienced in early January. There had been 3 road closures, and 75 callouts to properties. Most of the callouts were false alarms, with no actual flooding occurring. Air bricks and sandbags were provided. There was an incident of one property flooding, next to the letch at Wilson Terrace. The flood wardens were proactively alerted and asked to check their areas. As a follow up, there are 35-40 areas to go back to and check to determine outcomes.</p> <p>Kier reported that it received calls regarding surface water issues affecting door seals.</p> <p>Leila Huntingdon reported that water level maps are available, but ground water levels are not monitored.</p> <p>The implication of high levels of water, and low temperatures causing the water to freeze is an increase in potholes. The monitoring of this is proportionate to risk.</p> <p>The drainage system coped extremely well, and can manage a steady flow</p>	
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6.	<p><u>Community Preparedness & Resilience</u></p> <p>Jackie Laughton provided the group with an update on the work of the sub-group (report attached) The Partnership agreed to increase PR activity. Press releases for the Journal and magazine to be approved by Cllr Harrison, and activity to include social media and updates to the website with photos and footage.</p> <p>Eleanor Binks reported that there had been no increase in Care Call community alarm contacts. The communication between teams was very good.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Lead Local Flooding Authority/SuDS/North East Combined Authority (NECA) SuDS Regional Working Group - Update</u></p> <p>Deferred to next meeting</p>	
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>At the last Cabinet meeting, it was agreed to move from providing quarterly reports to providing annual reports instead. After discussion, it was agreed that this would be an annual report to the December Cabinet meetings.</p> <p>Members of the group agreed to receive electronic copies of reports in advance of next meeting, instead of paper.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Quadrant East Room 4.01 13:00-15:00 Wednesday 20 April 2016</p>	