



Surface Water and Drainage Partnership  
 North Tyneside Council, Quadrant East – Room 4.01  
 Wednesday 20 April 2016

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr John Harrison Phil Scott Graeme Hurst Jackie Laughton David Foster Mark Newlands Cllr Ed Hodson Eleanor Binks Steven Harvey Martin Kennedy Richard Robinson Graeme Ridley	North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council Capita Northumbrian Water Environment Agency Northumbrian Water
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<b>In Attendance</b>	Julia Mather	North Tyneside Council
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<b>Apologies</b>	Leila Huntington Mike Madine Stephen Merrett Tim Gell Cllr Carole Burdis Jacqui Old	Environment Agency Northumbrian Water Environment Agency Nexus North Tyneside Council North Tyneside Council
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Item	Decision / Action	Who and when
1.	<u>Welcome and introductions</u>  Members of the group were welcomed, introductions were made and apologies noted.	
2.	<u>Notes of last meeting and matters arising</u>  Mark Newlands confirmed that timeline for the implementation plan will be dealt with under Agenda Item 5.  Item 3 to be amended to correct the name of the school set to undergo culvert work in summer to Longbenton Academy.  Notes - Agreed with this amendment.	

3.	<p><b><u>Cullercoats Drainage Scheme – Presentation (Graeme Ridley, Northumbrian Water)</u></b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Graeme Ridley on the Cullercoats Drainage Scheme.</p> <p>A member asked if Marden Quarry would continue to be a balancing pond, and if the scheme would improve it. This was confirmed, and it was reported that with the minor amendments, there will be opportunities to make efficiencies which will improve the outlet. The scheme offers flexibility, and the ability to manage flows. This work has been commissioned and the group recognised the importance of continuing to involve all stakeholders in the quarry in moving forward.</p> <p>The scheme is set to finish in Autumn 2016.</p> <p>There has been some debate over a private pipe which cuts under some houses. The pipe will continue to join into the public pipes following the diversion work, and the risk presented remains at an extremely low level.</p> <p>Graeme Hurst asked about the risk involved in using pipes larger than the standard. Graeme Ridley confirmed that all risk assessments, drawings etc could be made available to Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue. <b>ACTION GR.</b></p>	<p><b>Graeme Ridley</b></p>
4.	<p><b><u>Killingworth and Longbenton Sustainable Drainage Partnership – Update (NTC/Environment Agency/Northumbrian Water)</u></b></p> <p>Martin Kennedy provided this update to the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business case to access Environment Agency funding is complete and has been submitted.</li> <li>• Finances are in place for the period 2015-20</li> <li>• The project appraisal for the flood defence grant has been formally submitted.</li> </ul> <p>There were some challenges to the proposal, but nothing too worrying. These queries are being answered and there will be a final review before resubmission.</p> <p>Approval is expected 2-4 weeks after submission.</p> <p>The partnership agreed to carry out PR work to make the announcement as soon as the funding is in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designs are progressing with Longbenton Academy, with the work due to be carried out in the summer holidays.</li> <li>• The rest of the scheme will be carried out between 2017-20.</li> <li>• The partnership agreed that there needs to be a programme of communication and engagement to manage expectation of the public.</li> </ul>	

<p>5.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Harrison reported that he had heard from several residents that there are less swans than usual in the area. While the survey carried out at the lake would suggest otherwise, Phil Scott agreed to investigate this.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Flood Risk Implementation Plan</u></b></p> <p>The group heard an update from Mark Newlands on the works being carried out across schemes.</p> <p>The work due to be carried out on Briar Dene has been agreed in principle, with just the discharge numbers to be agreed.</p> <p>Planning permission was granted yesterday for the Fairfield Green scheme. The elected Mayor has agreed to send a letter of support to Persimmon in connection with this agreement in principle. An adaptable solution will be put in place, and this will last until the land is built on.</p> <p>MN reported that really good feedback had been received for the work carried out to replace the culvert under Metro track.</p> <p>In Shiremoor, the entire culvert has been fully surveyed and repaired.</p> <p>The final plans for the flood plain in Wellfield are now in place. Discussions with the landowner are now very positive, and an agreement in principle is being approached. Parties are hopeful of having this finalised by August 2016.</p> <p>A public engagement event has been arranged for 11 May. This will be a drop in session in West Monkseaton.</p> <p>A feasibility study is being carried out on the next batch of schemes. A reprofiling of funding has been carried out, as there is a limited pot of money remaining. All the high risk areas have been allocated schemes, and so we can now consider the other schemes.</p> <p>Environment Agency grants still continue to be applied for, and Northumbrian Water continues to collaborate on these schemes.</p> <p>The question was raised of whether there is government money available for any of these remaining schemes going forward. It was confirmed that central Government continue to invest, and cases are being put forward to apply for this. There is a fully funded 6 year programme in place, which is primarily focussed on preventing properties from flooding. For Government funding, there is always an expectation of match funding and/or partnership funding.</p> <p>Applicants need to give Government an indication of the work and</p>	<p><b>Phil Scott</b></p>
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	<p>funding requirements in the future. A meeting between the teams to identify the next batch of schemes is scheduled to take place this week.</p> <p>Chair requested an Agenda item for early sight of schemes in development</p> <p>6. <b><u>Flood Season Plan/Preparedness</u></b></p> <p>It was reported that no incidents had occurred since the last meeting.</p> <p>7. <b><u>Community Preparedness &amp; Resilience</u></b></p> <p>Jackie Laughton provided the group with an update on the work of the sub-group (report attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jackie to prepare a press release through the Communications team based on the work reported by the teams to the partnership today; to help keep the profile of the work of this partnership up.</li> <li>• The sub group is looking at ways of involving the Flood Wardens and getting them trained up to be able to handle other situations.</li> <li>• The sub group has been considering ways of engaging with the business community – such as giving advice on protecting their businesses and stock, and how to deal with insurance issues. Real life examples could be used to raise awareness. There is a lack of funding to help businesses, and several agencies also struggle to engage with businesses due to this.</li> <li>• The sub group continues to engage with young people too, and recognises how they are another channel to engaging residents, as they go home with the information and influence their parents.</li> </ul> <p>8. <b><u>Lead Local Flooding Authority/SuDS/North East Combined Authority (NECA) SuDS Regional Working Group - Update</u></b></p> <p>It was reported that a small piece of work has been commissioned to appraise the implications to the Council of the various options for SuDS.</p> <p>This appraisal will involve whole life calculations, and the cost of maintaining the SuDS.</p> <p>A number of Councils have been proactive and have undertaken to absorb the costs, to be recouped through Council Tax; while other Councils have been reluctant to take this on. An option is adoption, with a lump sum charge. There has been no common approach.</p> <p>This information will be presented to Senior Leadership Team and to politicians to take an informed decision. It is unlikely to be ready before August.</p>	<p>JM/MN</p>
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9.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Operational teams from Northumbrian Water and North Tyneside Council have had regular meetings in the past. A schedule of dates has not yet been produced and it was resolved that new dates are to be set, as it is important that these meetings continue. A key officer has been seconded and a deputy is yet to be identified. Mark Newlands agreed to chase this up.</p>	Mark Newlands
10.	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Quadrant East Room 4.01 12:30-14:30 <b>Wednesday 20 July 2016</b></p> <p><b><u>PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME</u></b></p>	