

Agenda No 7

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Report Title:	Motion from Council
Name of Committee:	Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 March 2021
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Summary:	On 23 February 2021, Council referred a motion to Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Council Standing Order 11.
Financial Implications:	There are no immediate financial implications.
Risk Management Implications:	There are no risk management implications arising from this report.
Environmental Implications:	There are no immediate environmental implications arising from this report.
Legal Implications:	There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.
Equality and Diversity:	There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report. It may be necessary later in the scrutiny process to carry out Equality Impact Assessments of the implications of any recommendations.

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1. MOTION FROM COUNCIL

On, 23 February 2021 Council considered a motion submitted on notice by Councillor Ms Robbins and seconded by Councillor Poole.

“This council recognises the increase in flooding in the Borough and the probability that this will continue to increase in severity as global warming and rainfall become more prevalent. It is essential that new build homes and local facilities are protected from future flooding and that flood plains are developed to cope with the increase. This is demonstrated by the facilities at the Elliotts Field shopping centre and the good use of the car park to accommodate flooding from the River Avon and the River Swift.

We ask that this issue is reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee, looking at the way in which flooding in the Borough is managed and how this can be improved. A report then be brought to Cabinet and Council for consideration.”

In accordance with Council Standing Order 11, the motion stood referred to Scrutiny Committee.

2. OPTIONS

The Constitution requires the Committee to decide how to deal with this motion. The following options are available to the Committee:

- a) Deal with the motion without further scrutiny and report to Cabinet, or Council, accordingly. In deciding to consider the motion itself in more detail, any scrutiny would need to be supported by evidence that might not yet have been assembled.
- b) Create a task group to consider the matter.

- c) Refer the matter to Planning Services Working Party.

3. PREVIOUS SCRUTINY REVIEW

In 2009 a review of drainage was carried out and the final review report was submitted to Cabinet on 21 October 2009 with all the recommendations being approved. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix 1.

4. NEXT STEPS

The recommended route is to refer the matter to Planning Services Working Party with a request that it report back to the Committee.

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DO ANY BACKGROUND PAPERS APPLY YES NO

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

REVIEW OF DRAINAGE

September 2009



REVIEW MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Ish Mistry (Chairman)
Councillor Robin Hazelton
Councillor Miss Kathryn Lawrence
Councillor Tom Mahoney
Councillor Mrs Maggie O'Rourke
Councillor Ron Ravenhall
Councillor Howard Roberts
Councillor Ms Carolyn Robbins
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This review has benefited from the involvement of a great number of people. Members would like to place on record their thanks to all members of the public who submitted their comments and to all of the Borough, Parish and County Councillors who completed the drainage survey questionnaire. Members are also grateful to the officers of the County Council and Severn Trent who gave their time and help in gathering the evidence considered by the review group.

In particular, the review group would like to thank the following individuals for their contribution to this review:

Paul Cowley, County Highways Area Manager WCC

Sean Lawson, Head of Environmental Services, RBC

Paul Mernagh, Street Scene Team Leader, RBC

Rob Back, Forward Planning & Economic Development Manager

Paul Gregory, Manager of South Flooding Team for Sewerage Operations, Severn Trent

Geoff Timms, Severn Trent Flooding Team.

Bill Walton, Severn Trent Sewerage Asset Protection Manager East

5.5 Flooding and Flooding Preparedness

- There have been many investigations into flooding, both at national and regional level, since the major flooding of the summer of 2007. The Pitt Review in particular has made many recommendations which will be implemented by the Flood and Water Management Bill. This Bill is currently in draft for consultation and is aimed at clarifying who is responsible for managing flood risk, protecting essential water supplies and encouraging more sustainable forms of drainage.
 - Members of the public need to be better informed of the measures that they can take to prepare for and prevent flooding if their home is at risk. There is a lot of information available, but it is not sent directly to those properties at risk. Parish Councils could be a useful conduit for targeting information more effectively.
 - There are specific emergency plans in place in the event of a major flooding emergency, although evidence shows that there is not a high level of awareness of civil protection arrangements in the local area.

5.6 Cross Cutting Issues

- The experience of people reporting drainage problems often seems to be frustrating. Improvements need to be made to customer care arrangements to ensure that better information is made available to the public and those who report problems are dealt with consistently and kept informed about how the matter is being addressed.
- Better information sharing between responsible agencies would be beneficial in order to ensure all agencies involved in drainage and flooding are aware of forthcoming work programmes and liaise regarding problem areas.
- Information on how to access services, particularly in emergencies, should be easily available and publicity given to emergency contact numbers.
- More information should be made available to councillors so that they are better able to liaise with residents on problems.

	Site of Flooding	Type	Which Agency	Frequency	Has it been resolved?	Is action proposed?
9	Kirby Court Main Street Newbold	Highways	WCC	Several Times		Drain has been cleared
10	Main Street Newbold Outside Crown Pub	Highways	WCC	Several Times		Jetting has been done early 2009
11	Pailton Village Centre	Highways	WCC	Flooded twice in 10 years	Unable to take action.	
12	Monks Kirby	Highways	WCC	Regularly	Have done some jetting work in the area	
13	Street Ashton	Highways	WCC	Regularly	"	
14	Stretton under Fosse	Highways	WCC	Regularly	"	
15	Ansty	Sewage	ST	Regularly		
16	A428 South View Road Long Lawford	Highways	WCC			WCC to investigate.
17	A428 Church Lawford Bridge	Highways Agricultural run off	WCC ?			Area Committee funding for 2009/10 financial year
18	Bridge to Kings Newnham past Church Lawford Garden Centre	Highways River	RBC/EA			EA unaware of any property flooding from main river in this area. Please provide more info.
19	A428 Limestone Hall Lane	Highways	WCC			There has been work done, but this has not proved a complete solution. WCC aware and investigating
20	Coronation Road Railway Bridge Long Lawford	Highways	WCC			WCC to investigate.
21	Ling lane (Drainage from	Highways	WCC			WCC to investigate

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28	The Kent, Railway Bridge	Highways	WCC	Every time there is heavy rain		Area Committee funding for 2009 /10 financial year
29	Park Road	Highways/ Cellar flooding	WCC		Yes- but member of public concerned it should be monitored	Probably not related to drainage from the road
30	River Avon	River flooding- Newton,	RBC/EA		No main river in the village of Newton, River Avon is nearby, however EA are unaware of any properties flooding from the Avon in this area. Please provide more details.	
31	Little London Newton	River, Sewage overflow into storm drains	ST		Resolved after 6 months. Have had problems with build up of fats which have been cleared.	
32	Newton Lane/Main Street Newton					
33	Burst Mains-3 in 2008		ST			
34	Market Harborough Road between Clifton and Newton	Agricultural run off	?			

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35	Main street Willoughby outside Rose Inn and Old Post Office	Highways	WCC	Twice in 2 years	Some improvements made	Brook flooding same as number 6.
36	Main Street/Lower Street Junction Willoughby	Highways	WCC			“
37	Flooding Moor Lane Nr Old Pastures Willoughby	Highways	WCC			“
38	Flooding of Pond in Lower Street/Shar Lane Willoughby	Pond/Brook	RBC/EA			Non Main River. Not in EA remit.
39	Lower End Bulkington Road Shilton	Highways	WCC	Regularly		WCC to investigate
40	Grandborough, access roads by village hall	Highway River Flooding Agricultural run off	RBC/EA	Approx 5 times annually	Water recedes after a couple of days	Just above head of main river. EA unaware of any properties affected from River Leam in this area. Pleas provide more details.
41	Crowthorns/ Hollowell Way- Grass kept long as to wet to mow	Surface water run off	RBC/EA	Constant	May not have been formally reported	Surface water flooding is not within EA remit.
42	Hollowell Way to Glaramara Close-in front of Community Information Centre	Run off combined with water form damaged guttering on shops opposite Surface water	?	3or 4 times a year		
43	Boughton Leigh Junior School exit, parallel to Stonehills- Did cause flooding to gate and	Surface water run off	?	3 or 4 times a year	Resolved for the resident of 14 Healy Close	

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	Brook and adjacent properties	River Sewer surcharging	ST	Last 10 years	in 1-3 days	course on Princethorpe College land in the past 2 years. ST have area on a regular cleansing schedule
58	Flooding off hill School Street on to the Spinneys and Churchover House land	Highways	WCC	Many	Repeated Clearance but keeps returning	WCC to investigate
59	Flooding outside Churchover stables	Sewers	ST	many	Repeated Clearance but keeps returning	
60	Blocked Road Gullies and drainage channels. Easenhall – Golden Lion	Highways flooding Surface water run off from fields/properties	WCC ?	After every Heavy storm		Jetting work has taken place in past
61	Southam Road Dunchurch- outside Braemar House	Highway drainage	WCC			WCC aware
62	Bus Shelter on the green Dunchurch	Highway/Pavem ent Flooding Sewer	WCC ST			WCC has done jetting work. There is also a sewer problem on the square
63	Cawston Lane junction Rugby Road Dunchurch	Highway	WCC			No aware that this is a serious issue
64	Main Road (A423) Marton	Residential flooding Highway River Surface water run off	RBC/EA ?	Twice in last 10 years	Eventually by natural drainage	Problems caused by river-WCC not able to take action R. Itchen and R.Leam are main



