

FLOOD RESILIENCE STRATEGY – SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As part of Scotland’s National Adaptation Plan and wider Just Transition commitments, the Scottish Government is developing a Flood Resilience Strategy which focuses on what is required to make communities more flood resilient.
- 1.2 The Scottish Government launched a consultation on Flood Resilience Strategy on 20th May 2024 seeking views on the key guiding principles and the actions that are required to improve flood resilience in Scotland. The consultation closed on 13th August 2024.
- 1.3 At the June meeting of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee, Members considered a report setting out the consultation on Flood Resilience Strategy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee consider the Flood Resilience Strategy consultation response that has been submitted to the Scottish Government.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Scottish Government is developing a Flood Resilience Strategy which focuses on what is required to make communities more flood resilient.
- 3.2 The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting in June 2024 gave consideration to a report highlighting the launch of a Scottish Government Consultation on Flood Resilience Strategy which had a closing date of 13 August 2024. The decision of the June Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee was as follows:

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. *noted the Flood Resilience Strategy consultation announced by the Scottish Government on 20th May 2024 with a closing date of 13th August 2024;*
 2. *agreed that given the timescale for responding, that the formal response to the consultation from the Council be prepared with the final response being delegated to the Executive Director with responsibility for Road and Infrastructure Services in consultation with the Chair of the Environment Development and Infrastructure Committee (who is also the Policy Lead for Roads, Transport and Amenity Services), the Leader, Leader of the largest Opposition Group and the Policy Lead for Climate Change; and*
 3. *noted that a copy of the Council's response would be presented to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting in September 2024.*
- 3.3 As per the decision above, Members and officers met to agree the wording of the consultation response and this has been submitted to Scottish Government. A copy of this is attached to this report at Appendix 1.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report provides an update on the Council's response to the Flood Resilience Strategy Public Consultation by the Scottish Government.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – None arising directly from this report.
- 5.2 Financial – None arising directly from this report.
- 5.3 Legal – None arising directly from this report.
- 5.4 HR – None arising directly from this report.
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
- 5.5.1 Equalities – None arising directly from this report.
 - 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – None arising directly from this report.
 - 5.5.3 Islands – None arising directly from this report.
- 5.6 Climate Change – To meet the challenge of climate change, the Scottish Government are seeking input from Local Authorities to develop a Strategy on flooding.
- 5.7 Risk – None arising directly from this report.
- 5.8 Customer Service – None arising directly from this report.
- 5.9 Rights of the Child – None arising from this report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Scottish Government's Flood Resilience Strategy Consultation response