

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 closes on 13th August 2024.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee:-
- a) Note the Flood Resilience Strategy consultation announced by the Scottish Government on 20th May 2024 with a closing date of 13th August 2024;
 - b) Agree, 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
 - c) Note that a copy of the Council's response will be presented to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting in September 2024.

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 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

closes on 13th August 2024.

- 3.3 The consultation paper sets out the principles the Scottish Government believe should guide the Strategy and the three key themes of *people, places and processes* which have been developed following a series of workshops and engagement with communities, practitioners and researchers in 2023.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 In concluding this report highlights to Members that the Scottish Government have launched a consultation on Flood Resilience Strategy. The report seeks agreement, given the timescale for responding, to delegate the Council's response 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 with a copy of the Council's response being presented to this Committee at its next meeting in September 2024.

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 Document