

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	12 May 2022
Title:	Flood and Water Catchment Management Plans
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the draft Hampshire Flood and Water Catchment Management Plans (FWCMPs) (attached to the supporting report) for public consultation for a period of 6 weeks.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to make minor amendments to the draft Hampshire FWCMPs as required by the outcome of the public consultation, and to adopt the Hampshire FWCMPs subject to there being no unresolvable representations, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Under the Flood and Water Management Act (2010), Hampshire County Council became the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for Hampshire. In accordance with the legislation, all LLFAs across the country are required to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in its area.
- 2.2. The County Council's updated Local Flood and Water Management Strategy (LFWMS) was adopted in August 2020. Policy 2 of the Strategy sets out the County Council's commitment to develop a catchment approach to flood and water management to better understand the risks associated with the movement of water. One of the key actions under this policy was to develop river catchment-based flood management plans across Hampshire. These are intended to replace the existing Surface Water Management Plans.
- 2.3. It is Hampshire County Council's aspiration to become a leading example for LLFAs across the country and to produce a suite of FWCMPs containing mapped prioritised at-risk areas and clear policy statements demonstrating how the County Council will seek to manage flood risk and water as a resource in each specific river basin catchment in Hampshire.

- 2.4. This report seeks agreement to the draft FWCMPs in principle and approval to submit the documents for a 6-week public consultation period. Though there is no statutory period of consultation required, it is considered that the plans should benefit from a public consultation period.
- 2.5. The draft FWCMPs complement the Hampshire Local Flood and Water Management Strategy and are an integral part of a family of documents that together set out the County Council's strategy and policy for flood risk and water management in its widest sense.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The option to retain the existing Surface Water Management Plans (SWMPs) was rejected. The catchment-based approach and FWCMPs are integral to the County Council's strategy. It is considered that the existing SWMPs are now out of date, follow administrative boundaries rather than catchment areas, do not cover the whole of Hampshire, and do not consider water management in its widest sense or benefit from the information and experience gathered from recent flood events.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Rob Humby	Date: 12 May 2022
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