



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: Policy & Resources Committee

DATE: 6th December 2007

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SUBJECT: RIVER DERWENT CATCHMENT FLOOD
MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

WARDS AFFECTED: All

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report seeks to finalise the District Councils response to the consultation process.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the comments included within the following table be submitted to the Environment Agency.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

3.1 The report outlines actions taken to date in order to meet the 31st December 2007 consultation deadline.

4.0 REPORT

4.1 The Defra publication "Making Space for Water" published in July 2004 sets out the Governments strategic direction of travel.

The aim is to manage risks by employing an integrated portfolio of approaches, which reflect both national and local priorities, so as to:

- reduce the threat to people and their property; and
- deliver the greatest environmental, social and economic benefit, consistent with the Governments sustainable development principles.

4.2 The programme covers a number of important areas including management of risk and land use planning.

4.3 The Rural issues section of the Executive Summary states: -

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- 4.4** "As part of the wider portfolio of responses to flood and coastal erosion risk, we will promote the environmental pillar of sustainable development by making greater use of rural land use solutions such as the creation of wetlands and washlands, and managed realignment of coasts and rivers. Where land and property is needed for works associated with managed realignment under a flood management scheme, the Government will continue to provide the finance for this. We will also be undertaking priority research into the role rural land management techniques (such as cultivation practice and woodland creation) might play in managing flood risk at catchment level"
- 4.5** A consultation process is taking place on the Humber River Basin Management Report. The driver for this being the EU Water Framework Directive. Further details are available at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wfd. The closing date for receipt of comments is 31st December 2007
- 4.6** The National Indicators for Local Authorities consultation includes indicator NI189 Flood and coastal erosion risk management. The rationale is to record progress of local authorities in delivering agreed actions to implement long term flood and coastal erosion risk management (FCERM) plans. The definition includes CFMP's.
- 4.7** Catchment Flood Management Plans (CFMPs) are led by the Environment Agency and aim to encourage an integrated, sustainable and strategic approach to the management of flood risk in river catchments. They can be used by a number of organisations who need to consider flood risk.
- 4.8** They contain actions for a number of stakeholders and from the district council perspective, reference is made to: -
- local authorities and development planners who will use it to influence land use planning and policy
 - emergency services with a response role to flooding
- 4.9** The Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Flood Management Plan (CFMP) opened for consultation in September 2007 and closes on 31st December 2007.
- 4.10** The Environment Agency have given two presentations of the plan, the first to the Land Drainage Liaison Group Meeting on 2nd October and the second on 30th October to a briefing which all Members were invited along with any Town/Parish Councils.
- 4.11** The consultation template and comments are attached at Annex A.

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Background Papers:

References: Executive Summary Government response to Making Space for Water Humber River Basin Management Report (www.environment-agency.uk/wfd)

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