



Scrutiny Task Group Proposal

Overview and Scrutiny Board 7 December 2011

Title of Review	Flooding
Proposer	Councillor Rachael Ford
Sponsoring Committee	Environment & Residents Services Select Committee
Prospective Membership (including co-optees)	Administration; Steven Hamilton, Matt Thorley Opposition: Cllr Lisa Homan,
Outline Purpose	To consider the key strategic priorities and the appropriate communications arrangements with local residents for flood risk management in the borough.
Expected Timescale of review	Three months (estimated 5 - 6 meetings of Task Group)
Proposed Terms of Reference	To consider <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the key strategic priorities for flood risk management in the borough and ii. the appropriate communications with local residents for flood risk management.
Exclusions	The inquiry should not attempt to consider the operation details of flood risk management and instead focus upon the strategic priorities for flood risk planning and the key communications with local residents.
Possible witnesses	The Cabinet Member for Environment, Residents Associations, Thames Water, DEFRA, elected councillors, other London Borough Councils.
Expected outcomes (link to corporate priorities)	The identification of key priorities for the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and key communications messages and delivery mechanisms to local residents on flood risk management.
Officer Resource	There is sufficient Scrutiny and departmental Officer capacity to coordinate the review. The work of the Task Group will be managed by Michael Carr, Scrutiny Development Officer, with technical advice and support

	from Pat Cox, Head of Policy and Spatial Planning and Gordon Prangnell - Head of Highways and Construction.
Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time overrun- failure to deliver timely report • Lack of availability of key players over consultation period • Scope creep – failure to restrict investigations to terms of reference • Lack of stakeholder buy-in
Potential Costs	Travelling expenses (nominal).