

## ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

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PLANNING & TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE

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### PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOOD APPRAISAL GROUP

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS AND  
THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### **ABSTRACT**

The Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997 imposed new duties on the Council. This report proposes the establishment of a "Flood Appraisal Group", suggests areas of remit and proposes representation on such a group.

#### 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) instruct the Director of Roads to initiate a Flood Appraisal Group,
- (ii) agree the remit of the group as described in the report,
- (iii) delegate the responsibility for chairing the group to the Director of Roads,
- (iv) instruct the Director of Roads to invite representation on the group from the bodies listed in the detail of the report.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

Reports No 1146/97 and 881/97 described the requirements of the Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997 and outlined the duties imposed on the Council under that Act. One of the duties of which the Act imposes on the Council is to undertake assessments of relevant water courses. Similarly, National Planning Policy Guideline, NPPG 7 "Planning and Flooding" recommends that "..... To further strengthen their position as the focus for dealing with flooding issues each local authority acting corporately should identify the need for a wider forum in which to discuss flooding issues". A Flood Appraisal Group, the merits of which are also recognised in the Angus Local Plan Consultative Draft, would provide such a forum.

## 3 DETAIL

- (i) The Council published a report (in accordance with the requirements of the Act) in November 1997 in which report it was suggested that the Council would give consideration to the establishment of a Flood Appraisal Group, the purpose being for the exchange of information between those organisations having a "stake" in flooding issues generally within the Council area. It is now suggested that the Committee give consideration to the merit of convening such a group.
- (ii) It is proposed that the group would be convened on an informal and advisory basis to provide a forum for the exchange of information and data gathering and to enable discussion on such issues as:
  - catchment drainage management
  - flood prevention schemes and other mitigation measures
  - watercourse repair and maintenance
  - development plan land allocations
  - significant development proposals

This scope has been drawn largely from NPPG7.

- (iii) It is proposed that representation on the group would be from two sources, namely within the Council, and outwith the Council as nominated in the table below.

<b><u>Proposed Representation</u></b>	
<b><u>Internal</u></b>	<b><u>External</u></b>
Roads (proposed Chair)	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Planning Transport & Economic Development (incl planning & building control functions)	North of Scotland Water Authority
*Law & Administration	*Scottish Natural Heritage
	*Dundee City Council
	*Perth & Kinross Council
	*Aberdeenshire Council
*Indicates representation as and when necessary	

- (iv) It is proposed that the group would require to meet perhaps quarterly initially but thereafter twice a year would probably suffice.

#### 4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no implications for the Capital Budget arising as a direct consequence of this report.

Staff time costs associated with servicing this group will require to be subsumed into the Revenue Budgets of each of the departments contributing to the group.

#### 5 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

## 6 CONCLUSION

To assist the Council in undertaking the duties imposed upon it by the Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act it is suggested that an advisory "Flood Appraisal Group" be established along the lines broadly described in National Planning Policy Guideline No 7 "Planning and Flooding".

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### NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:-

Report No 881/97 - Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997 - Angus Council Roads Committee - 28 August 1997.

Report No 1146/97 - Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997 Reporting - Angus Council - 6 November 1997.

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