

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

13 OCTOBER 2009

FLOOD PREVENTION AND LAND DRAINAGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
BIENNIAL REPORT

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

The report details the requirements for a Biennial Report to be published for public information under the Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997. The Committee is asked to approve the current Biennial Report.

1 RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to approve the publication of the Biennial Report for the period November 2007 – November 2009 under the Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1 The Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997 (the Act) imposed a duty on the Council to prepare and publish a Biennial Report detailing amongst other information:-
- All occurrences of flooding of land in the council area since the publication of the previous report.
 - Measures which the council have taken to prevent or mitigate the effect of flooding of such land since the previous report.
- 2.2 The duty imposed on the council by the Act includes publishing a Biennial Report for public information purposes.
- 2.3 The current Biennial Report has been prepared and includes the information required above. Progress on the proposed permanent Flood Prevention Scheme for River Street, Brechin is also detailed.
- 2.4 Copies of the Biennial Report have been placed in the Members' Lounge for the reference of the members.
- 2.5 The Committee is asked to approve the Biennial Report. Subject to this approval the Biennial Report will be distributed to all council libraries, Access Offices and the main council offices to be available for public inspection. The report will also be added to the council's website and Freedom of Information Publication Scheme.
- 2.6 A public notice will be placed in "The Courier and Advertiser" drawing attention to these arrangements.
- 2.7 As required by the legislation a copy will also be forwarded to the Scottish Government for information.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of producing and publishing the report will be contained within the Roads Division's Revenue Budget for Flood Prevention.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

6 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

6.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus

- Communities in Angus are safe, secure and vibrant.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance and Head of Law and Administration were consulted in the preparation of this report.

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NOTE:

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this Report:-

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

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