

KENT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

7 Members

Conservative: 4; UKIP: 1; Labour: 1; Liberal Democrat: 1.

1. In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (Schedule 2), this committee is responsible for reviewing and scrutinising the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management functions or coastal erosion risk management functions which may affect the local authority's area.

2. This Committee is responsible for:-

a) the preparation, monitoring and review (in conjunction with the Flood Risk Management Officer) of a strategic action plan for flood risk management in Kent taking into account any Select Committee recommendations, the Pitt Review and relevant requirements of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010;

b) reporting annually (and more often if necessary) to the Scrutiny Committee and to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste;

c) reviewing and responding to any consultation on the implementation of the Pitt Review and the future development of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010;

d) receiving reports from the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and responding as appropriate;

e) the investigation of water resource management issues in Kent.

3. A risk management authority must comply with a request from this committee for information and a response to a report.

4. The committee may include (non-voting) persons who are not Members of the authority, including representatives of district Councils, the Environment Agency and Internal Drainage Boards.