

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY**

Susan Carey

Cabinet Member for Environment

**DECISION NO:**

19/00089

**For publication**

**Key decision\***

Yes – County Wide impact

**Subject: S19 Flood Investigation Reporting Policy**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to adopt the Section 19 Reporting Policy.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

As Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for Kent, KCC has a duty to publish reports of investigations into flood events in Kent under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and to publish a report of the investigation. LLFAs are given freedom to determine the criteria that triggers a report of an investigation to be published. A policy for reporting on flood investigations was set out in the first Kent Local Flood Risk Management Strategy that was adopted by the County Council in 2012. The Kent Local Flood Risk Management Strategy was refreshed in 2018. The new Strategy did not include policies regarding how KCC would exercise its duties as LLFA, as it focussed on the broad strategic issues of local flood risk management. The Section 19 policy needs revising.

Previously the policy proposed that KCC published a report of flooding once one property was flooded internally, it is proposed that this is raised to five properties flooded internally, along with significant disruption to infrastructure and any other incidents KCC considers merit a report.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The consultation ran from 19<sup>th</sup> August until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The consultation documents can be found at [www.kent.gov.uk/section19floodinvestigation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/section19floodinvestigation)

The final draft policy was discussed and endorsed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 29 November

**Any alternatives considered:**

Not updating the policy sets a threshold for triggering an investigation for which KCC does not have the resources to deliver. To set it higher than the proposed level would potentially undermine our commitment to undertake this duty.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

None

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signed

Name:

*Susan Carey*  
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date

16.12.19