

# KENT FLOOD RISK AND WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### 7 Members

- 1 As an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, sections 17.47 and 17.48 apply to the membership.
- 2 In accordance with Section 9FH of the Local Government Act 2000, this committee is responsible for reviewing and scrutinising the exercise of flood risk management functions and coastal erosion risk management functions by risk management authorities which may affect the local authority's area.
- 3 The Committee may request information and a response to reports from the risk management authorities, to which the authorities must comply.
- 4 Risk management authorities, as defined by Part 1 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, are:
  - (a) the Environment Agency;
  - (b) the lead local flood authority (KCC);
  - (c) district councils;
  - (d) internal drainage boards;
  - (e) water companies; and
  - (f) highways authorities (KCC and National Highways)
- 5 The Committee is also responsible for:
  - (a) investigating water resource management issues in Kent;
  - (b) investigating water quality issues in Kent;
  - (c) reporting annually (and more often if necessary) to the Scrutiny Committee and to the relevant Cabinet Member; and
  - (d) receiving and reviewing reports related to climate, flood risk and coastal erosion risk management as appropriate.
- 6 The Committee may appoint or remove non-voting Co-Opted Members (independent of the elected membership) who may participate in the business of the Committee in accordance with the rules set out in the Constitution.