

**KENT FLOOD RISK AND WATER MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 14th March, 2024**

**10.00 am**

Council Chamber, Sessions House,  
County Hall, Maidstone





## AGENDA

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Thursday, 14th March, 2024, at 10.00 am

Ask for: **Matt Dentten**

**Council Chamber, Sessions House,  
County Hall, Maidstone**

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#### **Membership (7)**

Conservative (5): Mr A R Hills (Chairman), Mr D L Brazier, Mr D Crow-Brown,  
Mr P Cole and Mrs M McArthur

Labour (1): Ms M Dawkins

Green and  
Independent (1): Mr M A J Hood

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

*(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)*

1. Introduction/Webcast announcements
2. Membership  
To note that Mr David Brazier has joined the Committee.
3. Apologies and Substitutes
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023 (Pages 1 - 6)
6. Terms of Reference  
To note the Committee's updated Terms of Reference, as approved by County Council on 16 November 2023.

*Membership: 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.*
7. Southern Water - Clean Rivers and Seas Taskforce - Presentation
8. Environment Agency - Flood Wardens - Presentation
9. The Wildlife Trusts - Coastal nature-based solutions to flooding - Presentation
10. Environment Agency and Met Office Alerts and Warnings and KCC severe weather response activity (Pages 7 - 20)
11. Future meeting dates

To note that meetings of the Committee will take place at 10.00 am on the following dates:

26 June 2024

20 November 2024

5 February 2025

23 April 2025

2 July 2025

## **EXEMPT ITEMS**

*(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)*

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**Wednesday, 6 March 2024**