

Briefing Note



Referral from Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 4 March 2020

- “1. That the Cabinet lobbies for and looks to secure funding so that Milton Keynes can be ‘engineered’ to be as resilient as possible to future flooding events.
2. That lessons learnt from past flooding events be taken into account in the development of new areas.”

Response from Stuart Proffitt (Director for Environment & Property):

Following the recommendations from Strategic Placemaking 4 March 2020, the Director for Environment & Property has set up a dedicated coordination group covering the Lead Local Flood Authority, Highways Authority and the Planning Authority in order to review ‘engineering resilience’ for water management. Findings and outcomes will then be reviewed at the Flood and Water Management Group chaired by the Milton Keynes Local Authority representative for the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee – Councillor McPake. This information can then be disseminated to those who attend the Flood and Water Management Group and reviewed with key stakeholders including The Parks Trust, Anglican Water and Internal Drainage Board.

The Authority has recently recruited its first dedicated Sustainable Urban Drainage Officer to support advice for planning applications regarding water engineering resilience. The funding envelope provided to the Authority for Water and Flood Management will ensure that the team look to recruit a second Sustainable Urban Drainage Officer s officer shortly, with the incumbent post holder pursuing a capital projects pipeline coordinated with the Environment Agency and using the agreed pipeline to explore/bid for potential national and regional funding.

The Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee was keen for the ongoing monitoring and oversight of the Independent Flood Review to continue and be overseen by the Flood and Water Management Group. Now sufficient capacity is available, the team has undertaken a review of past flooding events and summary findings, together with details of any outstanding lessons learnt, will be collated.