

Appendix C Proposed questions to be used on the second LFRMS consultation response form.

The questions set out below may be useful in structuring your response to the section of the draft of the second LFRMS which contains the proposed actions and policies. Comments on other sections of the document are also being sought especially where accuracy or clarity could be improved. A non-technical summary document will be published alongside the final second LFRMS and it would be helpful to receive comments on what this could usefully contain.

Principles for Flood Risk Management in Hertfordshire

1. Taking a risk-based approach to local flood risk management

- Flood risk will be actively managed and we will seek to predict and manage future risk as well as reacting to flood events.

Q1. If you do not agree with this approach, please state any reasons.

Q2. Are there any specific actions not described in the strategy that the county council as the LLFA or other Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) should be taking to address this? RMAs are the district and borough councils, the Environment Agency, highway authorities Internal Drainage Boards together with Water and Sewerage companies

Q3. Any other views and comments on this section?

2. Working in partnership to manage flood risk in the county

- Opportunities will be sought to work with others to better deliver management of local flood risk in Hertfordshire.

Q4. Should a different approach to partnership working be taken to that which is outlined and proposed?

Q5. Are there any other partners who would be appropriate to involve in a strategic partnership?

Q6. Any other views and comments on this section?

- Flood risk measures should be multi-beneficial as far as possible, integrating flood risk management solutions alongside sustainable development and incorporating social and environmental benefits.

Q7. Are there any circumstances where this would not be appropriate?

Q8. Any other views and comments on this section?

3. Improving our understanding of flood risk to better inform decision making

- Information on sources of flood risk in Hertfordshire will continue to be developed and improved.

Q9. Other than recording and investigating flooding and updating the Risk of Flooding from Surface Water (RoFfSW) mapping is there any other information that would be of benefit?

- All reports of flooding will be appropriately investigated so that the historic record of flooding helps to provide a clearer understanding of flood risk in the county.

Q10. Is the level of investigation described appropriate?

- Flooding information will be risk based, with areas predicted to be at most significant risk analysed in more detail as part of a prioritised programme.

Q11. Is the approach based on prioritising areas in SWMPs for further investigation appropriate? If not what would be better?

- Information on flood risk will form the evidence base to help focus local resources and funding.

Q12. What information should the LLFA publish?

Q13. Any other views and comments on this section?

4. Supporting those at risk of flooding to manage that risk

- Communities should understand the information available to them on flood risk.

Q14. What information do communities and residents need?

- The support available to communities should aid flood preparedness and resilience.

Q15. What might this look like?

- Information on local flood risk will be made available to assist in preparing for flood events.

Q16. What kinds of information would be most useful and effective?

- The roles and responsibilities of the various organisations involved in managing flood risk before, during and after a flood event will be clear.

- The cause of flood events will be effectively investigated and published.

Q17. Do you agree with the approach that investigations only need to identify the relevant RMA.

Q18. Any other views and comments on this section?

5. Working to reduce the likelihood of flooding where possible

- Flood risk management funding is directed to areas most at need or where solutions will be most effective, and flood risk management will guide other funding decisions and be appropriately prioritised alongside other needs.

Q19. Do you think that support through the proposal for a small projects fund would be beneficial?

- Information on local flood risk will be used to allow informed decisions to be made on the level of funding allocated to flood risk management resources within Hertfordshire.

Q20. What information would be most useful to facilitate this?

- Potential funding for flood risk management projects will be prioritised according to cost-benefit and a range of weighting factors to take into account the evidence of flooding and sustainability of the proposed solution. This will ensure that resources are dedicated in areas where it will be most effective.

Q21. Is the scheme and funding prioritisation methodology that is described in the strategy appropriate?

Q22. Any other views and comments on this section?

6. Ensuring that flood risk arising from new development is managed appropriately

- New development must manage its own flood risk, not contribute to flood risk in the local area and must take into account the effects of climate change.

Q23. Are the requirements for Sustainable Drainage Systems SuDS and ordinary watercourses linked to new development appropriate?

Q24. Should the LLFA work with district councils to ensure that bylaws are in place across the county allowing development near or over watercourses to be regulated? Should the LLFA seek to do this if necessary through a transfer of powers from district council RMAs?

- New development must make appropriate arrangements for the management and maintenance of features put in place to manage local flood risk.

Q25. Should the LLFA consider formal designation of all new SuDS features to maintain awareness of functions and responsibilities?

- Where possible, new development should contribute to reducing any existing flood risk within the immediate local area.

Q26. Is this a reasonable requirement?

Q27. Any other views and comments on this section?