

**OBJECTIVE:**

To scrutinise the powers and effectiveness of Hertfordshire County Council’s current flood management and strategy to deal with sites considered to be at risk in the future.

**QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED:**

1. What difficulties does HCC face when working with the Environment Agency and other partners? How is this addressed with the Agency and partners?
2. What powers do HCC have with regard to new developments? How do HCC officers ensure that flood risk management is discussed with developers and the Local Planning Authority? What is the developers’ contribution to flood risk management?
3. How is the information and intelligence held on flooding used to direct service delivery and identify priorities for interventions?

**OUTCOME/S:**

1. To establish the effectiveness of HCC flood risk management
2. To establish how HCC manages and identifies the risk of flooding in current and future plans.

**CONSTRAINTS:**

- Will not focus on the impact of gully cleaning on flooding, which will be addressed in a briefing note from the Environment directorate
- Will not discuss anything that is less than 1% probability plus climate change

| <b>WITNESSES</b> i.e. individuals   | <b>EVIDENCE</b> i.e. organisations |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Simon Aires, Assistant Director – Transport, Waste and Environmental Management | Environment Agency                 |
| John Rumble, Head of Environmental Resource Planning                            | Local Planning Authority           |
|   | Fire and Rescue Service            |
|   | Districts and boroughs             |
|   | Utilities                          |

**METHOD:** 1 day Topic Group

**DATE:** 27 Oct 2016

**SITE VISIT:** Problem site TBC

**MEMBERSHIP:** Nick Hollinghurst (Chair), Richard Henry, Roger Beeching, Graham McAndrew, Peter Ruffles

**SUPPORT:**

**Scrutiny Officer:** Charles Weir

**Lead Officers:** Simon Aries/John Rumble

## SCRUTINY REMIT: FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT TOPIC GROUP

**Democratic Services Officer:** Theresa Baker

**HCC Priorities for Action: how this item helps deliver the Priorities *delete as appropriate***

1. Opportunity To Thrive ✓
2. Opportunity To Prosper ✓
3. Opportunity To Be Healthy And Safe ✓
4. Opportunity To Take Part ✓

**CfPS ACCOUNTABILITY OBJECTIVES: *delete as appropriate***

1. Transparent – opening up data, information and governance ✓
2. Inclusive – listening, understanding and changing ✓
3. Accountable – demonstrating credibility ✓