



## **CABINET – 11TH NOVEMBER 2015**

**SUBJECT: FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER**

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- 1.1 The attached report, which was presented to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 27th October 2015, provided an update on the progress of the preparation of the Council's Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP). The comments of Members were sought on the draft Plan, prior to its presentation to Cabinet for approval.
  - 1.2 Members were advised that under the Flood Risk Regulations 2009, the Council has been designated as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and has responsibility to produce a FRMP. The draft FRMP, which has been published on the Council's website, must be submitted to Natural Resource Wales (NRW), who may approve it (with or without modification) or reject it.
  - 1.3 The FRMP provides an overview of the flood risk within the county borough and details flood risk management objectives, together with a series of mitigation measures to ensure that the flood risk to the local area is addressed and reduced. The FRMP, which has been the subject of public consultation in draft form, must be published by December 2015 in accordance with the Flood Risk Regulations 2009, and will be subject to review after a 6-year period.
  - 1.4 During the course of the ensuing debate, Members stressed the importance of continued community engagement in addressing flood risk and flooding incidents. Officers outlined the ways in which this is carried out by the Authority and referred Members to Appendix C of the report, which has identified a number of local wards as being within a flood risk area and which have subsequently been included in the FRMP. Officers also responded to queries in respect of funding implications to implement the measures set out in the FRMP, together with a number of technical queries relating to flood risk management infrastructure within the county borough.
  - 1.5 Following consideration and discussion of the report, the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended to Cabinet that for the reasons contained therein:-
    - (i) the draft Flood Risk Management Plan be accepted as the mechanism for the reduction of flood risk within Caerphilly County Borough Council;
    - (ii) Natural Resources Wales be updated on Caerphilly's approach to the Flood Risk Management Plan.
  - 1.6 Members are asked to consider these recommendations.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 27th October 2015 –  
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