

**REPORT TO:** PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - 12 NOVEMBER 2007

**REPORT ON:** FLOOD PREVENTION AND LAND DRAINAGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

**REPORT NO:** 552-2007

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise committee on the completion of the sixth biennial report on flooding and to seek approval for the publication of this Report as required by the Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a Note the content of the sixth biennial report on flooding; and
  - b Authorise the publication of this report.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of publishing the report is estimated to be minimal and will be contained within the Planning and Transportation revenue budget for 2007/2008.

## **4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The Flood Prevention and Land Drainage Act 1997, places a duty on the Council to publish a report every two years setting out:
- All occurrences of flooding since the date of the previous report;
  - The measures taken to prevent or minimise the risk of flooding since the previous report; and
  - The measures required to prevent or mitigate flooding in the future.
- 4.2 Since the publication of the previous report in 2005 there has been only one event of flooding recorded. This occurred on 18 August 2006 primarily in the City Centre and Broughty Ferry but several other areas of the city were also affected consistent with those areas already identified as being at risk of flooding. The cause of the flooding in each area was sewer flooding in that the volume and intensity of rainfall water exceeded the capacity of the sewers. It should also be noted that this event was severe enough to cause property damage. It should be noted that this report does not deal with local flooding events caused by blocked road gullies etc.
- 4.3 Ongoing inspection and maintenance works to watercourses in the area is essential to ensure that these are kept clear and free from obstructions at critical points such as bridges and culverts.

- 4.4 A copy of the main report is provided in the Members Lounge. The full report will be issued to Community Councils and placed in all libraries and Council reception points as well as being published on the Council's web site.

## **5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

The major issues identified are:

- Sustainability, Built Environment: This report informs the Councils commitment to protecting the built environment by promoting sustainable flood management.
- Sustainability, Communication and Environmental Reporting: This report meets the need for consulting and advising communities in relation to good management.
- Risk Management: The risk assessments undertaken, a summary of which are within Appendix 2 of the report, are consistent with the Councils Risk Management Strategy to minimise loss, damage or injury.

## **6 CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None.

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