

## **Ratification of the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) Strategy and Action Plan**

Summary:	The newly formed Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance seek ratification from stakeholders of their strategy and action plan.
Options considered:	To ratify the strategy in its current format To not ratify the strategy in its current format.
Conclusions:	The principles of the NSFA strategy and action plan are appropriate, reasonable and cover the wide range of flooding outcomes from both coastal and fluvial incidents. The strategy is a high level document which does not provide specific detail on the resource and financial implications, although its principles appear to be sound.
Recommendations:	That Cabinet ratify the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance Strategy and Action Plan.
Reasons for Recommendations:	To support a collaborate approach to flooding and water management in Norfolk. To ensure that there continues to be a planned and resilient approach to flooding across the County.

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW**

*(Papers relied on to write the report, which do not contain exempt information and which are not published elsewhere)*

Ratification Draft. V3 Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance Strategy document and action plan
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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) was formed at the start of 2021 following winter flooding which occurred in several Norfolk districts over the Christmas 2020 period. NSFA is chaired by Lord Dannatt and brings together a range of stakeholders including the Environment Agency, Anglia

Water, Norfolk Resilience Forum, Lead Local Flood Authority, Water Resources East, Coastal Partnership East, District Councils and Parish Councils.

- 1.2 The aim of the NSFA is to provide a single point of focus and collaboration for all flood related challenges facing the County of Norfolk. The alliance will consider both fluvial (river) and coastal flooding.
- 1.3 The NSFA seek ratification from all Stakeholders of their overall strategy and action plan.

## **2. Main body of report**

- 2.1 The NSFA have asked for North Norfolk District Council to ratify the attached strategy and action plan.
- 2.2 The strategy contains the vision, objectives and principles of the NSFA.
- 2.3 The strategy outlines the governance and structure of NSFA and details the link with Coastal Partnership East. This is fundamental to the success of the NSFA and the collaborative approach.
- 2.4 Included in the strategy is how success will be monitored.
- 2.5 The action plan contains more of the detail on how the NSFA objectives will be achieved in the coming year. Although this is a high level document and the details of some action points are yet to be confirmed. It is therefore difficult to identify the resource implications fully.

## **3. Corporate Plan Objectives**

- 3.1 The NSFA strategy and action plan link to the corporate priority of Climate, Coast and Environment. It's inclusion of coastal flooding is of particular importance to us as a coastal authority and recognises the 45 miles of coastline within the district which are under threat from storm surges, inundation, cliff slippage and erosion.

## **4. Medium Term Financial Strategy**

There is no significant impact on the medium term financial strategy.

## **5. Financial and Resource Implications**

The high level nature of this document doesn't set out the financial and resource implications. However, ratification of this strategy does not commit the Local Authority to any resource or financial commitment.

## **6. Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications relating to the ratification of this strategy

**7. Risks**

There are reputational risks if other stakeholders, sign up to the principles of the NSFA strategy and NNDC does not.

**8. Sustainability**

Ratification of this strategy would not impact on sustainability per say.

**9. Climate / Carbon impact**

Whilst flooding and water management issues are linked to climate change and therefore the contents of strategy are relevant to climate change, ratification of this strategy would not impact on carbon impact.

**10. Equality and Diversity**

No considerations

**11. Section 17 Crime and Disorder considerations**

No considerations

**12. Conclusion and Recommendations**

The NSFA Strategy and Action Plan are both high level documents, the principles contained within both are relevant and important, the detail and further content of the NSFA will be of importance to the Council. Without the detail we are unable to understand the full implications in terms of staff resource and financial commitment. It is therefore recommended that the documents are ratified in terms of agreeing to the principles, but on the understanding that more detail is required in some areas where there are financial or resourcing implications.

Some areas of the document duplicate the work of the Council Civil Contingencies team and Norfolk Resilience Forum. The Council believes it is already leading the way in terms of coastal flooding, however we recognise the need for partnership working in this area and are therefore broadly supportive of the principles contained within the strategy.

A pro-active prevention approach to flooding is much preferred to reactionary approach by NNDC.

