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FLOODING AND WATER QUALITY WORKING PARTY

Purpose: To enable all stakeholders to engage together with the Town Council to understand relevant external partners' responsibilities in relation to flood, sewage and water quality risks in Exmouth and to work together to mitigate these risks. The members of the working party will consider and recommend actions to reduce the number of properties at risk of surface and contaminated water flooding in Exmouth and to be kept regularly informed on such matters. The various sources likely to have an impact in terms of flooding and pollution within the Town are: Sea, Rivers, Sewers, Groundwater and Overland Flow.

Membership: Exmouth Town Council (seven members, preferably one from each ward) and Partners:

AECOM (Architecture, Engineering, Consulting, Operations and Maintenance);
DCC (Devon County Council);
EA (Environment Agency);
EDDC (East Devon District Council);
ETC's Community Resilience Team;
Tidal Defence/Flood Risk Scheme Representatives;
SWW (South West Water).

Quorum: Three members

Authority: Public Health Act 1936, s 260

1. Terms

1.1. The Council's Standing Orders apply to all meetings of the Working Party.

1.2. The Working Party shall be appointed on an annual basis at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

1.3. The first order of business of the first meeting of the Working Party after its annual appointment will be to elect a Chairman.

1.4. The Working Party will meet four times a year. Additional meetings will be arranged as required.

1.5. Meetings shall not be open to the public unless the Working Party feels it appropriate to include the press and public for specific items.

1.6. Members of the Working Party will receive an agenda and supporting papers in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

1.7. Notice of meetings and minutes will be published in accordance with the Council's

Standing Orders.

1.8. Members of the Working Party must be familiar with Exmouth's Town Council's current Climate Plan. The Climate Plan should be referenced as part of any decision-making process.

2. Responsibilities

2.1. Provide the local intelligence to allow external partners to determine where they need to develop or improve management plans for local flood and pollution risk management.

2.2. Work with the local community and businesses to help them understand and thus take suitable measures to manage their flood and pollution risk.

2.3. Map current and potential surface water flood risk areas, irrespective of source, and engage the community and all stakeholders to share this knowledge.

2.4. To contribute to Devon County Council's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

2.5. To have delegated authority to write to appropriate external organisations to seek further information within the working party's remit

2.6. To keep under review Devon County Council's register of all structures and features that are anticipated to have an effect on flood risk in the area.

2.7. To monitor progress on the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan Action Points NEA9, NEA10 and NEA11, making recommendations to Full Council in respect of the timely delivery of the Action Plan as appropriate.

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