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**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny  
(Regeneration and Environmental Services)

**Date of Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Subject:** Surface Water Management Plan

**Report of:** Alan Lunt – Director of Built Environment

**Wards Affected:** All

**Is this a Key Decision?** No

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?**  
No

**Exempt/Confidential**

No

**Purpose/Summary**

To request Members to recommend for approval the Surface Water Management Plan.

**Recommendation(s)**

That Overview and Scrutiny (Regeneration and Environmental Services recommend the Surface Water Management Plan for approval by the Cabinet Member for Environment.

**How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	√		
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability	√		
4	Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities	√		
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		√	

**Reasons for the Recommendation:**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee have a role in relation to Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management to review and scrutinises the way in which the service is provided. Because of the significance of this plan it is appropriate to seek their recommendation prior to formal approval by Cabinet Member for Environment.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

There is no direct financial implication with this report.

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal:</b> None	
<b>Human Resources</b> None	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact on Service Delivery:**

An improvement due to improved understanding of risk and potential approaches to addressing this risk.

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

This plan was presented to this committee at an earlier meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2011.

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has no comments on this report because the contents of the report have no financial implications. **FD 956 /2011**

The Head of Legal Services has no comments on this report. **LD316/11**

**Are there any other options available for consideration?**

The committee may choose to recommend amendments to the report.

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet/Cabinet Member Meeting

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## **Background Papers:**

None

### **1. Introduction/Background**

- 1.1. The Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) is a plan which outlines the preferred management strategies in Sefton for surface water flooding.
- 1.2. Surface water flooding describes flooding from sewers, drains, groundwater, and runoff from land, small water courses and ditches that occurs as a result of heavy rainfall.
- 1.3. The SWMP has involved the input from key partners and stakeholders including United Utilities and the Environment Agency.
- 1.4. Under the Floods and Water Management Bill (2010) and Flood Risk Regulations (2009), Sefton Council has new responsibilities for a leadership role in local flood risk management, of which the production of SWMP will form a key part.
- 1.5. The non-technical summary and the main report is available for Members to download and review.

### **2. Reporting**

- 2.1. Following on from reporting to Overview and Scrutiny the Surface Water Management Plan will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Environment for approval.

### **3.0 Next step**

- 3.1 Following approval the recommendations will be reviewed and prioritised for action and will be reflected in the action plan for the Local Flood Risk Strategy.