

This form should be completed for all evaluation, public consultation and engagement projects undertaken in the Council. Details of the topics are entered on a database which forms the basis of the reporting mechanism to appropriate Cabinet Members.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Each box contains a form field for you to type in text or select an option by clicking it with your mouse. Some of the boxes show information to help you complete the field when you place the cursor on the “click here ...” field.

When you have completed the form, save it as a Word document.

Project Title:	Sefton Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy		
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Which of the Council's Priorities does your Consultation relate to (please tick)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Economy		
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Most Vulnerable		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Health and Wellbeing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reshaping the Council		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resilient Communities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Environment		
Which of the Health and Wellbeing Board's Priorities does your Consultation relate to (please tick)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure all children have a positive start in life		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support people early to prevent and treat avoidable illnesses and reduce inequalities in health		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support older people and those with long term conditions and disabilities to remain independent and in their own homes		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Promote positive mental health and wellbeing		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seek to address the wider social, environmental and economic issues that contribute to poor health and wellbeing		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Build capacity and resilience to empower and strengthen communities		

Does this consultation relate to an item on the Forward Plan? If so which one?

It is not currently in the forward plan but we are working to get it on the forward plan at present.

Summary of the Consultation/Engagement Undertaken

The Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy, Service Delivery Plan and Investment Plan were put out to consultation on e consult for consultation with the public and statutory consultees (the Environment Agency and Natural England) for comments. We received responses from 8 members of the community and responses from Natural England and the Environment Agency. On the whole the comments were positive.

- 7 out of 8 people agreed with our vision with one saying they weren't sure as it sounded 'woolly'. Our response is that as the document is a high level strategic document the vision is quite general, supported by a number of more specific outcomes to achieve this vision.
- Everyone agreed with our outcomes.
- 5 out of 8 people agreed that the information about risk had been presented in a clear, understandable way with one person saying it could be simplified and one saying the immediate impact was not clear and one didn't answer the question. Our response is that as the document is a high level strategic document taking a longer term view which is why the information is not very specific to locations.
- Other comments made were relating to the local plan and the planning process about new developments being built in the future. Our response is that any new developments will be subject to the appropriate planning process and assessed.
- Comments from Natural England (NE) were to include a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) which we did not have done originally as the document was a high level strategic document with no specific actions or schemes being mentioned. Our response to NE was to get a HRA done. The HRA concluded no significant impacts as the documents are strategic. As and when schemes or actions are developed in detail a full and appropriate environmental assessment will be undertaken.
- Comments from the Environment Agency (EA) were limited as they had commented on earlier versions of the report. They wanted some clarification of the figures in the investment plan and further explanation of what some of the figures were for. We had a meeting with the EA to discuss their points and made the relevant changes to the investment plan.

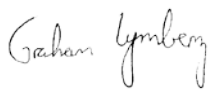
Please give details of other partners who were involved in this consultation/engagement activity.

The production of this document was a requirement under the Flood and Water Management Act for the Lead Local Flood Authority (Sefton Council) to produce. We worked with other flood risk management organisations such as United Utilities and the Environment Agency in developing and checking the initial drafts of the document.

Methodology
Publication of the documents on e consult with 8 people responding from the public and 2 statutory consultees.
Did you engage the voluntary, community or faith sector?
Just through publicising with the general public that the documents were available to view on line using Sefton's Website and intranet.
What was the overall cost of the consultation/engagement? What was spent on what?
2 officers, 2 days = £700 preparation of the consultation questions and liaising with professional partners. The publicity cost £0
Is there anything you would do differently next time?
Publicise the document more to get more comments back.
Have the results been fed back?
We have produced a separate consultation response report that states what comments we have received and what changes we have made and will be published on line with the final documents.
How have you used the results of this consultation/engagement and what changes have you made?
The separate consultation report states what changes have been made as a result of the comments received and will be published online with the final documents
Any other information you would like to provide?
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If you require any further information please contact either Jayne Vincent (0151 934 3840) or June McGill (0151 934 4080)

Signature of Project Lead: 

Date: 17/06/15

Manager Approval: 

Date: 17/06/15

Date approved by Business Intelligence & Performance Team Date

Please return this form electronically to:-

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Comments from Natural England	Sefton Council's Response
<p>Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy We have reviewed the draft Strategy document and the supporting Service Plan and Investment Plan. We have no specific comments to make on these documents.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing feedback.</p>
<p>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) LFRMS can result in significant effects on the environment, and hence there can be a need to carry out SEA as part of strategy development, which Sefton Council has done in this case. The Sefton LFRMS will set out a framework for managing flood risk in a holistic and sustainable way and will help the Council to work with partners to better understand and manage local risks and coastal erosion in its area. These aims are taken forward in the objectives of the Strategy, which itself contains few specific or detailed proposals or projects. Therefore, overall we consider it generally fit for purpose and that it follows current Government advice on structure, content and approach to Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA). We have no further comments to make on the SEA.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing feedback.</p>
<p>The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (“The Habitats Regulations”) There are references to the Habitats Directive and Habitats Regulations within the SEA document. For example the Regulations are listed under ‘Appendix B – Updated Review of Other Plans, Policies and Programmes’ where it says that the Strategy should avoid adverse impacts on European sites. Your email of 26 March 2015 says that the Council has not carried out an HRA for the Strategy. Although the Strategy contains few specific or detailed proposals or projects The Habitats Regulations require that plans and projects are assessed for their effects on European sites. It should be noted that some projects may be proposed in a plan and will need to be assessed when the plan is devised and consulted on, in addition to when the project is implemented and that the European site(s) affected could be in or outside the relevant plan area. The Habitats Regulations Assessment process should not be subsumed into the different processes of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under the SEA Regulations. It is prudent to mesh the procedural requirements of the different assessments in order to maximise use of resources, for example in information gathering and public consultation, but the Habitats Regulations Assessment must be clearly distinguishable from the SEA processes and all should be separately compliant with the respective statutory requirements. Therefore, the Council, as competent authority, may wish to formally record its reasons and decision not to undertake an HRA.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing feedback. As a result of this comment we have had a HRA assessment done and amended the strategy to state this.</p>
Comments from the Environment Agency	Sefton Council's Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall Sefton’s LFRMS is well laid out and presented providing a succinct overview of the risk in Sefton. • There is no information at a very local level, such as maps of areas affected by historic floods or benefiting from proposed projects. These might be useful to inform the more local audience of the LFRMS. • We couldn’t see details of what incident response Sefton provide during a flood though it shows this as an activity. No mention of sandbags or what reactive maintenance involves. • No mention (or maybe very brief) of working with Liverpool on the flood risk area • There doesn’t appear to be much about catchment approaches eg. if Sefton suffer because of problems upstream. • The Flood risk maps show flood risk from all sources, we would like to see further explanation about what this means and the sources of flood risk included, how they were produced. • We would like to see the strategy highlight ecological, nature and biodiversity benefits of the area and seek opportunities to fulfil obligations towards other related strategies (see comments previously submitted on draft consultation from our biodiversity team). 	<p>Thank you for providing feedback. As the document is a strategic document the detail requested here is covered elsewhere in other available documents. We have however undertaken a HRA and SEA which do cover the environmental concerns. You have. When more specific actions are undertaken appropriate environmental assessments on the detail will be undertaken.</p>

Specific comments on Investment Plan

- Table 3 – Check asterisks - The double asterisk description seems to be relevant to the NW Monitoring Programme, which is annotated with only a single asterisk?
- 4.4.5 – “£76,800 of which £60,000 is fully funded from Local Levy...” – Table 3 shows that the £76,800 is Sefton’s allocation, whereas £60k LL if for project as a whole. Clarification?
- 4.4.2 Formby & 4.4.7 Fouracres – no ongoing costs – a potential for further works requiring additional bids was mentioned at MSfW?

Thank you for providing feedback. All requested changes have been made and clarified within the document.

Do you agree with our vision?	If you said "no" or "not sure" please tell us why	Do you agree with our outcomes	If you said "no" or "not sure" please tell us why?	Has the risk information been presented in a clear and understandable way?	If you said "no" or "not sure" please explain why and give us any ideas for improving its presentation	Do you have any other comments you would like to make?	Sefton Council's response
Yes		Yes					Thank you for providing feedback
Yes		Yes		Yes		How can you have a flood risk management plan if you do not know, how many new properties are being built in the wider catchment, ? 500 houses = 78,000 galls wastewater into the catchments watercourses per day.	Thank you for providing feedback. Any new developments will be subject to flood risk assessments during the planning process.
Yes		Yes		Yes			Thank you for providing feedback.
Yes		Yes		Yes			Thank you for providing feedback.
Yes		Yes		No	Information is duplicated in documents - why not simplify.		Thank you for providing feedback. The duplication in information is to ensure that if documents were read on their own they could still be understood.
Not sure	Sounds woolly. No definitive objective. How can you quantify 'improve', this is a subjective, personalised perspective.	Yes		Yes		SUDS is not always the answer to flooding in Formby. The proposed development on large areas of land that currently experiences flooding will only increase the potential for flooding in the surrounding area. Raising the level of development land without significant investment in land drainage prior to the development will cause the	Thank you for providing feedback. The term 'improve' has been used in our vision as it is a strategic vision. We can not detail or quantify improvement until we begin to work with our communities more and decide together how to manage flood risk within our communities which is supported by the objectives linking to the vision which describe how we intend to do this. With regard to SuDS and new development. All new development is subject to a flood risk assessment and will be assessed when a planning application is received. Solutions to any drainage issues in the locality of the development will be discussed with the developer to find an appropriate solution.
Yes		Yes		Not sure	not clear on the immediate impact		Thank you for providing feedback. The document is a strategic document looking over the slightly longer term. Individual projects are currently ongoing which look at the immediate impacts within high flood risk areas in the borough.
Yes		Yes		Yes			Thank you for providing feedback.