



meeting      **FLOODING SELECT COMMITTEE**

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## **Report of the Chair of the Flooding Select Committee**

### **Presentation from Severn Trent Water**

#### **Purpose of the report**

1. To introduce Mr Tony Smith from Severn Trent Water who will give a presentation to Members on the sewerage aspects in relation to flooding.

#### **Background**

2. Members have raised the issue of sewerage in past Select Committee meetings and the issue was also identified by the Nottingham City Council in their flooding review. Members requested that a representative from Severn Trent be invited to a future meeting.
3. Severn Trent Water is responsible for public sewers within its area and many public sewers cross private land. They have to ensure that no development is carried out which may damage a public sewer, cause risk of flooding or restrict future access for maintenance.
4. Wherever possible Severn Trent prefer to avoid the need to build over or close to a sewer by repositioning the proposed development or diverting the sewer. "Close to" is normally defined as being within 3 metres of the sewer

#### **Issues**

5. Mr Tony Smith is the representative from Severn Trent who will give a presentation on the issues involved with sewerage during a flooding incident. He will also detail how Severn Trent Water is consulted when planning for future flood defence work.

## **Recommendations**

6. It is recommended that

the Flooding Select Committee receive the presentation from Severn Trent Water and bearing in mind the scope of this review, ask any appropriate questions.

**Councillor Yvonne Davidson**  
**Chair of the Flooding Select Committee**

Background papers: nil.