



meeting **FLOODING SELECT COMMITTEE**

date **15 January 2007**

agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Flooding Select Committee

Presentation from National Flood Forum

Purpose of the report

1. To advise members of a presentation to be given by the National Flood Forum

Background

2. Ms Mary Dhonau from the National Flood Forum is attending the meeting today to present to Members on the work of the Forum and how it impacts on the issues that the Select Committee is scrutinising.
3. The National Flood Forum is a community-based network set up by people who have been through the experience of flooding and suffered the distress, losses and frustration that follow.
4. The Forum was set up in 2002 with generous start-up funding from the Environment Agency. They aim to give communities and individuals who have been flooded or are at risk the support, knowledge and help they need to organise themselves, to manage the effects of flooding, to promote self-help and to campaign for flood alleviation.
5. They provide a strong and independent voice that represents the interests of people affected by flooding with the authorities responsible for managing it. This includes working closely with The Environment Agency, Water Companies, Local Authorities, the government, flood protection companies and insurance industry.
6. They provide information on all types of flooding, from main rivers, local watercourses, sewers, storm water and highway drains, tidal and coastal flooding, groundwater, to run-off from urban areas or agricultural land.

7. They also offer free advice to individuals or groups on where to source flood protection products, specialist help or advice on insurance issues.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that

the Flooding Select Committee accepts the presentation from the National Flood Forum and asks any relevant questions to further our scrutiny review.

Councillor Yvonne Davidson
Chair of the Flooding Select Committee

Background papers: nil.