

TRAFFORD LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A. Summary Details

Directorate: Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure

Section: Strategic Planning

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Name of policy/~~service/function~~ to be assessed:
Trafford Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

Is this a new policy/~~service/function~~? Yes

B. Preparation

It is important to consider all available information that could help determine whether the policy/~~service/function~~ could have any potential adverse impact. Please attach examples of available monitoring information, research and consultation reports.

1. Prior to conducting the EIA are there any areas where you know, and can evidence, adverse impact? Note these and ensure they receive the appropriate prioritisation in the EIA.

None known.

The Trafford Local Flood Risk Management Strategy will impact on all who live, work, play, are educated in or visit the Borough.

The potential outcomes of the Strategy on individuals and communities are likely to be complex and to occur some time into the future, as a number of the actions involve improving understanding of local flood risk to inform the preparation of funding bids and the development of specific schemes whilst others focus on helping communities to help themselves in terms of increasing awareness and resilience in the face of flooding. With some of the actions, for example the creation of green infrastructure opportunity areas, local flood risk management is one of a number of objectives and the effects may be indirect. Other actions focus on improving Council procedures, making links with Local Plan processes and managing Council assets more effectively.

However, the Trafford Local Flood Risk Management Strategy does seek to ensure that the impacts on all communities are positive and that it responds to a community's needs. A range of consultation techniques have been used to gain an understanding of the needs of communities within, and adjoining, Trafford during the preparation of the Strategy. These have included making documentation available online and at all Trafford libraries, specific mailshots aimed at a range of key stakeholders, and the offer of meetings with specific groups. The facility to translate Strategy documentation into other languages has also been made available on request.

The Trafford Local Flood Risk Management Strategy essentially focuses on the Council's management of local flood risk, working in partnership with others. It is recognised that many groups are not concentrated within and readily identifiable within any one particular area in the Borough. Nor does local flood risk adversely affect specific groups but not others, with flood events potentially impacting on the whole community.

2. Do you have monitoring data available on the number of people (from different equality groups) who are using or are potentially impacted upon by your policy/~~service/function~~? *Please specify what monitoring information you have available (your monitoring information should be compared to the current available census data to see whether a proportionate number of people are taking up your service).*

No.

3. If monitoring has NOT been undertaken, will it be done in the future or do you have access to relevant monitoring data for this area? If so, specify the arrangement you intend to make; if not please give a reason for your decision.

Yes.

As part of preparing specific local flood risk management schemes for funding aid, consideration will be given to those communities that will benefit from the proposed project.

4. Please list any consultations that you may have had and/or local/national consultations, research or practical guidance that will assist you in completing this EIA?

- Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report – consultation with specified environmental bodies, risk management authorities and navigation authorities (June - July 2013)
- Draft Trafford Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and supporting documentation – consultation with specified environmental bodies and the public on the Draft Strategy and summary, Environmental Report and non-technical summary, and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report (February- March 2014).

C. Policy or Function

1. What is the main purpose of the policy/~~service~~/function?

The purpose of the Trafford Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is to

- Identify the flood risk management authorities in the Borough and the

functions that may be exercised by those bodies;

- Provide an assessment of local flood risk;
- Identify the objectives for managing local flood risk, the measures proposed to achieve those objectives, the costs and benefits of those measures and how they are expected to be implemented;
- Outline how the Strategy contributes towards the achievement of wider environmental objectives;
- Outline how and when the Strategy will be reviewed.

2. Are there any other objectives of the policy ~~/service/function~~, if so what are they?

No.

3. Do any written procedures exist to enable delivery of this policy ~~/service/function~~?

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010, together with central Government and Environment Agency guidance, provides the principal framework within which the Strategy will be delivered and outlines the procedures to be followed in a number of areas, for example in registering and designating local flood risk assets, seeking information from other parties and developing bids for funding. At a sub-regional level, the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) has also developed a procedural guide to investigating flooding incidents .

4. Are there elements of common practice in the service area or function that are not clearly defined within the written procedures?

No.

5. Who are the main stakeholders of the policy?

All those who live, work, play, are educated in or visit the Borough.

6. Is the policy associated with any other policy(ies) of the Authority?

Yes.

The Strategy has linkages to a range of other Council documents, including the Trafford Local Plan, and also the AGMA Policy for Investigating Flood Incidents.

7. Is the responsibility for the proposed policy or function shared with another department or authority or organisation? If so, what responsibility, and which bodies?

Yes.

Whilst the Council is the Lead Local Flood Authority, delivery of Strategy measures will require close working with a range of other stakeholders including external bodies, landowners and local communities.

D: The Impact

Assess the potential impact that the policy could have on each of the target groups. The potential impact could be negative, positive or neutral. If you have assessed negative potential impact for any of the target groups you will also need to assess whether that negative potential impact is high, medium or low

1. Identify the potential impact of the policy on different equality target groups:

	Positive	Negative (please specify if High, Medium or Low)	Neutral	Reason
Gender – both men and women			v	Limited spatial variation in distribution of different genders. No specific issues raised during the consultation on the Draft Strategy.
Race- include race, colour, nationality, ethnicity & national origins (NB: the experiences may be different for different groups)			v	Local flood risk, from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses, together with measures to manage it, affect a very wide range of communities rather than affecting a limited number of areas where there is a concentration of certain ethnic groups. No specific issues raised during the consultation on the Draft Strategy.
Disability – physical, sensory & mental			v	Local flood risk potentially affects all members of the community, whether those with

impairments				<p>disabilities or able-bodied.</p> <p>No specific issues raised during the consultation on the Draft Strategy.</p>
Age Group -specify eg; older, younger etc)			v	<p>Local flood risk potentially affects all members of the community, including the young and the elderly.</p> <p>No specific issues raised during the consultation on the Draft Strategy.</p>
Sexual Orientation – Lesbian, Gay Men, Bisexual & Transgender			v	<p>Unknown spatial variation in distribution of different sexual orientations.</p> <p>No specific issues raised during the consultation on the Draft Strategy.</p>
Religious/Faith groups (specify)			v	<p>Unknown spatial variation in distribution of different faith groups.</p> <p>No specific issues raised during the consultation on the Draft Strategy.</p>

As a result of completing the above what is the potential negative impact of your policy documents?

High Medium Low

2 Could you minimise or remove any negative potential impact that is of medium or low significance?

Race: N/A

Gender: N/A

Disability: N/A

Age: N/A

Sexual Orientation: N/A

Religious/Faith groups: N/A

2. If there is no evidence that the policy *promotes* equal opportunity– could it be adapted so that it does? How?

Not applicable.

Please ensure that all actions identified are included in the attached action plan and in your service plan.

Signed
Lead Officer Colin Moss
Date 12 August 2014

Signed
Service Head Rob Haslam
Date 12 August 2014

Action Plan

Recommendation	Key activity	Progress milestones	Officer Responsible	Progress
As part of preparing specific local flood risk management schemes for funding aid, consideration will be given to those communities that will benefit from the proposed project.	Assessment to include geographical areas, together with any specific sectors of the population, that will benefit from the proposed project.	To be included in monitoring reports for the Strategy.	Service Manager	