

Report to Saddleworth and Lees District Executive

ACTION UPDATE

Portfolio Holder:

Various

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Reason for Decision

The District Executive is requested to note the response provided to the support of the Saddleworth Parish Council motions that were raised at the District Executive on 12th October 2017.

Summary

The District Executive gave consideration to two motions which were agreed by the Saddleworth Parish Council on 25th September 2017 and supported by the District Partnership on 12th October 2017. The two motions were:

Motion One: “We strongly urge Oldham Council, with urgency to resolve the long-term flooding issues throughout Saddleworth with long-term solutions either through borrowing or from reserves.”

Motion Two: “Greater care must be given by the Planning Department about the approval of new properties on land which has a high risk of flooding.”

A response was received to the two motions on 16th November 2017. The response to each motion is as follows:

Motion 1: The Council is actively working to resolve flooding problems within Saddleworth and within the past year short to medium term scheme have been funded in Uppermill and Greenfield. Long term schemes funding are currently being sought from the Environment Agency by the Council who are currently applying for Flood Mitigation schemes located in Saddleworth. Oldham Council has built a significant database of information since the

introduction of statutory Flood Management duties with the enactment of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA 2010). However, building the long term historical picture is ongoing. Therefore, if there are areas that require updating or refining please let us know.

Motion 2: The FWMA 2010 requires that the Lead Local Flood Authority is consulted by planners for any developments of five or more properties. This has ensured the necessary checks before any recent developments are approved especially on land which has high risk of flooding.

Recommendations

The District Executive is recommended to note the response.