

**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
COUNCIL**

24 January 2022

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2022

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, please find attached Member questions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.

The questions and answers will be taken as read without discussion but the questioner will be allowed to ask a supplementary question arising directly from the questions or from the replies.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Democratic Services on
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Yours sincerely

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Head of Democratic Services

The following questions have been received from Councillor Graham Bocking to the Lead Member for Built Environment, Councillor Mel Gore. The answers are given by the Lead Member for Built Environment, Councillor Mel Gore, but are taken as read without discussion.

At Council in June 2021, as a result of a petition, I proposed the following motion which was unanimously passed by this Council

The identification of strategic site allocations will be informed by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, prepared as part of the review of the Joint Core Strategy and officers are requested to

- a. ensure that the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment includes a detailed pluvial and fluvial flood risk assessment, to include cumulative impacts, climate change, other influencing factors and all development completed, planned or projected (including major infrastructure projects) since 2014 and that it is commissioned prior to allocating any new sites
- b. consult relevant agencies and Parish Councils to give them an opportunity to present their local evidence for consideration as part of the work carried out in respect of the Flood Risk Assessment referred to in a. above
- c. consider what mechanisms are available to enable flood mitigation requirements to be imposed during the construction phase of development.

Question:

1. Can you please let me know How far has this work progressed over the last 7 months?

Answer:

As set out in the report in response to the petition, any new strategic development sites will be allocated as part of the JCS review. The JCS review timetable is currently being developed and will be presented to Members in February/March 2022.

- a. Officers have been working in partnership with the Lead Flood Authority, Gloucestershire County Council, to scope the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment which will be required to inform the review of the Joint Core Strategy. This work has not yet been concluded and the study envisaged has not yet been commissioned.
- b. When the Council consults on the JCS, Parish Councils will be able to submit local evidence for the Council to consider.
- c. Officers are working with the Local Lead Flood authority to determine what mechanisms are available to enable flood mitigation requirements to be imposed during the construction phase of development. This work will be concluded by the time new sites have been allocated.

Question:

2. Can you provide me with the scope/remit/instructions/terms of reference laid out for the flood risk assessment and projected timescales for its commencement and completion?

Answer:

As set out above, this work has yet to be completed. Once the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) has been concluded, it will be made available to Members and the public. The SFRA will have to conform with the process for undertaking Strategic Flood Risk Assessments set out in government guidance entitled, 'How to prepare a strategic flood risk assessment', updated September 2020.