

## FLOODING ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### AVOIDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT JUNE 2006 FIAC MEETING

#### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the Flooding Issues Advisory Committee (FIAC) with a progress report from the Avoidance Sub-Committee.

#### **Background**

2. The Sub-Committee has met three times, on 8 September 2005, 1 December 2005 and 2 March 2006. The current membership is detailed in Annex A, and Jim Conlin, of Scottish Water, chairs the meetings.
3. This Sub-Committee is set up to discuss sustainable flood management and identify best practice and to discuss how catchment flood management planning might link into the river basin management planning process.

#### **Feedback from the last meeting on 2 March 2006 (Chaired by Judith Tracey)**

##### *Sustainable flood management.*

4. The sustainable flood management pilot study contract was extended and Contractors revised Paper FIAC2005(4) *What is sustainable flood management?* to take account of the recommendations in the pilot study final report. This paper has now been agreed by the Sub-Committee and will form the basis for the upcoming consultation paper. It was agreed that it would be useful if the Executive held workshops during the consultation period.
5. It was agreed that it would be helpful for practitioners if the consultation paper includes best practice examples; and several ideas were put forward.

##### *River Basin Management Plans and Catchment flood management planning*

6. Members agreed that the introduction of River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) is an ideal opportunity to discuss links with catchment flood management planning (CFMP). Everyone agreed that FIAC had an important role to play not least by ensuring that the RBMP process takes full account of sustainable flood management.
7. Katrine Feldinger gave an update on the Executive's position on the RBMP process under the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 and Cath Preston gave SEPA's perspective. Jonathan Chapman explained how the Environment Agency has approached CFMP. Members discussed the key issues surrounding the RBMP process and it was agreed that a working party should be set up to tackle these issues.
8. The working group met for the first time on 21 April to identify the issues involved and to develop headings for a paper that would explore the links in more detail. A discussion paper will be available for the next Sub-Committee meeting. A note of this start up meeting is attached at Annex B.

*Land use issues*

9. Members will ensure that the work on land use issues does not duplicate the work on RBMP and CFMP. Members decided to start by prioritising the short to medium term measures identified in the paper and consider what the challenges and costs (and longer term savings) might be and what research might be needed. The Rural Development Plan (RDP) 2007-2013 is out for consultation and Members thought that FIAC should respond in some way to ensure that the work on land use links into the next RDP. Judith Tracey will speak to agriculture colleagues and find out how FIAC could forward its views on the rural development consultation. The revised paper will be available shortly.

**Next steps**

10. A further meeting is arranged for 10 August 2006 at Victoria Quay to discuss links between CFMPs and RBMPs. The sustainable flood management consultation will also be discussed.

**Conclusion**

11. **Members are invited to note the above.**

**FIAC Secretariat  
May 2006**

**FLOODING ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**AVOIDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Membership**

- 1. Jim Conlin, Scottish Water - Chair**
2. Judith Tracey, Climate Change and Air Division, SE
3. Katrine Feldinger, Water Division, SE
4. Prof. Charles Ainger, MWH UK Ltd
5. Mike Donaghy, Scottish Environment LINK
6. Dr. Roy Richardson, SEPA
7. John Hood, FBRD, SEERAD
8. Sarah Hutcheon, SNH
9. Andrew Smith, Homes for Scotland
10. Iain Mathieson, NFU Scotland
11. John Smith, Royal Town Planning Institute in Scotland
12. Stephen Tingle, Renfrewshire Council
13. Prof. Alan Werritty, University of Dundee
14. Dr. Jonathan Chapman, Environment Agency
15. Arthur Philp, Norwich Union
16. Jo Ellis, Forestry Commission

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**RBMP LINKAGES WORKING GROUP**

**Note of the meeting held on 21 April 2006, MWH Edinburgh, Edinburgh.**

**Present:** Charles Ainger (MWH) – Chair

Judith Tracey (SE), Katrine Feldinger (SE), Ramsay Dow (SE) – Minutes, Mike Donaghy (WWF Scotland), Cath Preston (SEPA), John Smith (RTPI-Scotland) Ronnie Falconer (Jacobs Babbie)

The group met for the first time on 21 April 2006 to discuss the production of a short paper on the potential linkages and flooding issues that could be addressed in line with the River Basin Management Process. Overleaf is a table showing the main issues and work streams discussed during the meeting. Here follows a brief list of actions as noted during the meeting and a short explanatory note to accompany the table.

**Actions**

It was agreed that:

- Preparatory work for each heading would be ready by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2006
- Secretariat to approach Scottish Water to facilitate involvement in the drafting of the paper
- SEPA to provide draft copy of Integration of RBMP in Local development plans paper
- Katrine Feldinger to distribute WFD consultation to group in line with internal review.

**Table Headings**

**Issues**

This column shows the issues raised by members of the group during the brain storming exercise and written on the whiteboard

**Headings**

The headings in this column were also obtained from the brainstorming exercise, those shown in bold text represent main section headings

**Issues Addressed**

This column is an initial attempt to marry Issues to Headings to ensure that all Issues are expressed in the finished paper. This column would benefit from review from members and as such should be considered an initial draft only

**Lead**

This column shows the initials of the person(s) responsible for the production and collation of information for the headings shown.

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	Issues	Headings	Issues addressed	Lead
1	Linkages between SEPA FIAC and SFM	<b>Title</b>		
2	The relationship between FLAGS and AAGs	<b>Background</b>	4	JT/KF
3	WEWS Section 16	EU Flooding dir/WFD key principles	3,6	JT/KF
4	CAR on a strategic level	SEPA	19	CP
5	Timetabling	The big picture/Strategic concern	2,7	JT/KF
6	EU Flooding directive and the 2nd RBMP cycle	<b>Timelines (diagrams)</b>	5	JT/KF
7	Sustainable Dev integration and conflicts	SEPA		JT/KF
8	Strategic structure (Top Down/Bottom up)	Legislative change	12	JT/KF
9	Delivery and enforcement	FIAC	1	JT/KF
10	Local development plan links to RBMPs	<b>Why?</b>	11	CA/CP/MD
11	The Big Picture	Benefits		CA/CP/MD
12	The SFM duty	Risks		CA/CP/MD
13	Roles and designations under RBMPs	<b>Responsibilities and Stakeholders</b>	8,9	MD
14	Buy in (Scottish Water)	<b>Options</b>	8,9	MD
15	Responsibilities (including FIAC)	Real World		MD
16	Funding structures	Aspirational		MD
17	Adhering to WFD principles	<b>Relationships</b>	1,2,10,	JS
18	Existing Best Practice	Planning		JS
19	The Aims of SEPA	<b>Skills and resources</b>		JS
20	The 2nd RBMP cycle	Short and Long term outcomes		JS
		<b>Delivery</b>		CA/JS
		Road map		CA/JS
		Timelines (diagrams)	20	CA/JS
		Pilot studies		All
		Cost and funding		CA/JS
		Existing capacity		CA/JS
		<b>Next steps and Gaps</b>		CA/JS