

NATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON FLOODING ISSUES

JOINT BIENNIAL REPORTS ON SEWER AND RIVER AND COASTAL FLOODING

Purpose

1. This paper outlines a proposal for joint national biennial reports on sewer and river and coastal flooding.

Background

2. At its first meeting on 20 February the Sustainable Flood Management (SFM) Sub-Group called for improved reporting of flooding incidents in urban areas and suggested setting up a database of all flooding incidents. It also agreed to recommend to NTAG that there should be joint reporting on sewer and river and coastal flooding in future to help provide a more integrated, holistic approach to the factors that can contribute to urban floods.

3. Under section 6A of the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961 local authorities have a duty to publish biennial reports. These should specify:

- measures they consider they require to take to prevent or mitigate flooding;
- measures taken to prevent or mitigate flooding since their last report, and
- instances of flooding since their last report.

4. In light of the SFM Sub-Group's recommendation, the Scottish Executive proposes that a compilation of reports from local authority and Scottish Water is produced biennially and presented to Ministers for information. Following on from this the Executive should host a conference to present the main conclusions.

Conclusions

5. Members are invited to:

- **discuss the above;**
- **agree that joint national biennial reports on sewer and river and coastal flooding should be compiled by the Executive; and**
- **the Executive should host a conference at which the main findings will be presented.**

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