

**Request by Member for Scrutiny Review
2009/10 Work Programme**



Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Proposers Name: Director of CSS Director of Environment & Street Scene	Date of Request 8 May 2009
Supporting Councillors (if any): Cabinet (minute 177 - 10 March 2008) " That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be invited to consider the implications for the Council arising from the final report of the Pitt Review, expected to be published in the summer of 2008."	
Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised: The final report has now been published and the Government has published its response to the Pitt Review recommendations. To establish a task and finish panel to consider and make recommendations on the implications for the Council arising from the recommendations of the review by Sir Michael Pitt following the flooding of 2007 (The Pitt Review), and the draft Flood and Water Management Bill (which seeks to address some of the issues raised by Sir Michael Pitt in his report) which was published in April 2009 and for which consultation is taking place.	
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Public Interest Justification:	

Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:

The District does suffer from river and other water courses (fluvial) and surface water (pluvial) flooding in various locations.

There are a number of flood risk assets within the District additionally some public infrastructure and residential properties remain at a high risk of flooding. The proposed change changes in legislation will improve the management of flood risk and communication between various organisations.

It is essential that the Council fully understands and participates in the early stages of the implementation of the new legislation to gain maximum benefits for its residents.

Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):

The Council has a proactive approach to addressing flooding issues. It has maintained a Land Drainage Section since the 1970s and continues to invest in flood risk management.

The recommendations within the Pitt Review place additional responsibilities on Local Authorities in respect of management and coordination of all forms of flooding.

The District also implements Planning Policy Statement 25 'Development Control and Flood Risk' which seeks to reduce the impact of new build. There are changes proposed in the Pitt Review to further improve the work being done under this policy.

Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)

County Councils are recognised as the lead authorities, working in partnership with Districts where appropriate, for those matters affecting local authorities within the Pitt Review Recommendations.

Essex County Council have not so far indicated the likely split of responsibilities between County and Districts but it is reasonable to assume that Districts will have a role to play in implementing the recommendations, specially a District like EFDC which takes flood risk management seriously.

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