



Dinas a Sir Abertawe

## Nodiadau'r Gweithgor Craffu – Rheoli Perygl Llifogydd Lleol

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**1 Datgeliadau o fuddiannau personol a rhagfarnol**

Ni chafwyd unrhyw ddatganiadau o gysylltiadau.

**2 Llythyrau o gyfarfodydd blaenorol**

Derbyniodd ac ystyriodd y gweithgor lythyrau o'r cyfarfod diwethaf ar 8 Hydref 2018.

**3 Cwestiynau'r Cyhoedd**

Nid oedd unrhyw aelodau o'r cyhoedd yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod.

**4 Adroddiad Cynnydd Rheoli Perygl Llifogydd**

Roedd Mark Thomas, Aelod y Cabinet dros yr Amgylchedd a Rheoli Isadeiledd, yn bresennol, ac aeth drwy'r casgliadau yn llythyr y cynullydd o'r cyfarfod diwethaf, gan roi'r diweddaraf ar gynnydd. Roedd Mike Sweeney, Prif Beiriannydd, hefyd yn bresennol ac aeth drwy'r adroddiad briffio.

Pwyntiau trafod:

- Bydd angen i'r holl ddatblygiadau newydd gynnwys plannu strategol a gwella bioamrywiaeth yn y dyfodol wrth gyflwyno'r ddyletswydd statudol newydd sydd yn gofyn am Systemau Draenio Trefol Cynaliadwy (SuDS). Mae'r tîm cadwraeth natur yn ymwybodol bod angen iddynt fod yn rhan o SuDS er mwyn rhoi cyngor pan fydd ceisiadau'n cael eu derbyn.
- Bydd prosiectau Isadeiledd Gwyrdd yn cael eu cynnal gan yr awdurdod a Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru mewn partneriaeth. Ymgynghorir ar un prosiect ar gyfer canol y ddinas yn unig ar hyn o bryd.
- Bydd Aelod y Cabinet yn derbyn manylion cyswllt ar gyfer Sion Brackenbury er mwyn trefnu ymweliad â chynllun perygl llifogydd yn seiliedig ar natur yn CNPT. Pan fydd ymweliad yn cael ei drefnu mae gan aelodau'r gweithgor ddiddordeb mewn bod yno.
- Aeth Aelod y Cabinet yn ddiweddar i agoriad cynllun amddiffyn rhag llifogydd ym Mawr ac roedd wedi creu argraff dda iawn arno.
- Cadarnhawyd na all yr awdurdod ddeddfu ar ddefnydd deunyddiau anathraidd yng ngerddi domestig ond gallai'r awdurdod roi cyngor. Bydd cyflwyno SuDS yn golygu bydd angen i unrhyw gontractwyr neu ddatblygwyr reoli dŵr ffo yn y dyfodol. Byddai deunyddiau athraidd yn cyflawni hyn, felly mae'n debygol iawn y byddant yn cael eu defnyddio yn ddiodyn beth bynnag.
- Rhoddwyd cymeradwyaeth i'r strwythur staffio gwreiddiol er mwyn rhoi'r SuDS ar waith. Mae hyn ar gyfer 4 aelod o staff. Mae ein huwch-beiriannydd yn ei le, a bydd peiriannydd cynorthwyol a swyddog cefnogaeth weinyddol yn cael eu penodi'n fuan a bydd arolygydd safle yn cael ei gyflogi nes ymlaen, pan fydd y safleoedd yn dechrau cael eu datblygu.
- Nid yw'r tudalennau Cyngor Ar Lifogydd ar wefan y cyngor yn cynnwys adran ar 'Helpu i atal llifogydd' ar hyn o bryd. Dylem fod yn rhagweithiol wrth helpu i atal llifogydd mewn eiddo domestig. Byddai'n ddefnyddiol cael dolen o dudalennau Cyngor ar Lifogydd y wefan i adran 'atal', gyda geiriad megis ..... Beth allaf ei wneud i leihau effaith llifogydd yn fy eiddo/ardal leol?... er enghraifft, plannu coed, defnyddio deunyddiau athraidd ar gyfer rhodfeydd/patios, gan gadw ardaloedd glaswelltog yn yr ardd.  
Dylid ysgrifennu hyn mewn iaith syml y gall pawb ei deall.
- Hefyd dylai cyngor ac arweiniad Cyngor Abertawe ymddangos yn gyntaf ar y tudalennau Cyngor ar Lifogydd, ac yna fanylion cyswllt ar gyfer CNC.
- Nid yw'r awdurdod yn dangos gwybodaeth fyw am lifogydd lleol ar ei wefan fel 'baner fyw' nac yn ei hysbysebu ar Twitter. Cytunodd Aelod y Cabinet i ymchwilio a ellir gwneud hyn ac, os na ellir, a allwn osod dolen i wybodaeth fyw trydydd partïon.
- Mae gwaith yn parhau er mwyn sefydlu arferion cynnal a chadw sydd eisoes yn bodoli ar gyfer cyrsiau dŵr a gyliau ar draws yr awdurdod. Mae gan yr adrannau priffyrdd, Parciau a Thai arferion cynnal a chadw ar waith. Fodd bynnag, mae rhai adrannau'n aneglur am lefelau perygl llifogydd i'w hasedau ac felly'r amserlenni cynnal a chadw y mae angen eu pennu. Nid yw'r ymagweddau'n gyson ar draws yr awdurdod. Bydd yr adran yn parhau i ymchwilio i ddatblygiad ymagwedd gyson. Fodd bynnag, mae ataliaeth yn llawer gwell na gwellhad.
- Dan 2.2 (tudalen 7) - hepgorwyd cyfeiriad at yr amcan lles corfforaethol newydd ar gyfer cynnal a chadw a gwella adnoddau naturiol a bioamrywiaeth.

- Dan 6.12 (tudalen 12) - dylai'r adroddiad nodi'r hyn sy'n digwydd ar hyn o bryd - bod y gwaith yn symud ymlaen, bod aelodau ward wedi derbyn cysylltiad.

## 5 Trafodaeth a Chwestiynau

Trafododd y gweithgor gynnydd a chytunwyd ar y casgliadau a'r argymhellion canlynol:

1. Rydym yn falch o glywed bod yr awdurdod yn awyddus i ymweld ag awdurdodau eraill sydd wedi defnyddio atebion naturiol i berygl llifogydd, er mwyn ymchwilio ymhellach i gyfleoedd ar gyfer Abertawe. Byddwn yn darparu'r manylion cyswllt priodol er mwyn gallu trefnu ymweliad â chynllun yng Nghastell-nedd Port Talbot. Mae gan y gweithgor ddiddordeb mewn bod yn bresennol yn yr ymweliad a hoffem fod yn ymwybodol o'r dyddiad unwaith y bydd wedi'i drefnu.
2. Rydym yn falch gyda'r diweddariad bod 4 aelod o staff yn cael eu cyflogi ar gyfer darparu SuDS. Byddwn eisiau monitro cynnydd darpariaeth SuDS yn ystod cyfarfodydd yn y dyfodol
3. Mae gennym ddiddordeb mewn clywed mwy am brosiectau Isadeiledd Gwyrdd a hoffem dderbyn y diweddaraf am y prosiect, sy'n destun ymgynghoriad ar hyn o bryd, yn ystod ein cyfarfod nesaf.
4. Mae'r gweithgor yn teimlo bod angen i'r awdurdod newid o sail ddeddfwriaethol tuag at rôl fwy ymgynghorol ar gyfer rheoli perygl llifogydd, er enghraifft, ynghylch defnydd o ddeunyddiau anathraidd. Rydym yn meddwl bod hon yn ffordd well i gynnwys y cyhoedd a defnyddio'r arfer gorau wrth symud ymlaen.
5. Hoffem weld yr awdurdod yn hyrwyddo ataliaeth perygl llifogydd yn well ac rydym yn teimlo dylai'r awdurdod ymchwilio i gael dolen i adran 'ataliaeth' o dudalennau Cyngor ar Llifogydd y wefan.
6. Rydym yn teimlo dylai'r awdurdod ymchwilio i gael gwybodaeth 'fyw' am lifogydd lleol ar ei wefan, neu ei darparu trwy drydydd parti.
7. Mae'r gweithgor yn teimlo dylai'r wybodaeth ar dudalennau Cyngor ar Llifogydd cael ei had-drefnu fel bod cyngor ac arweiniad Cyngor Abertawe yn ymddangos yn gyntaf ac yna fanylion cyswllt CNC.
8. Hoffem weld yr awdurdod yn ymchwilio i ffyrdd i hysbysebu'r gwaith a gyflawnwyd ganddo er mwyn lleihau perygl llifogydd yn lleol, er mwyn lledaenu negeseuon cadarnhaol. Gall aelodau ward gael eu defnyddio i ledaenu negeseuon i'r cyhoedd gan ddsbarthu'r wybodaeth hon yn eu wardiau.
9. Hoffem dderbyn y diweddaraf yn ystod ein cyfarfod nesaf ar y Cynllun Rheoli Perygl Llifogydd Lleol a'r cynnydd a wnaed.
10. Byddem yn argymhell i Bwyllgor y Rhaglen Graffu fod y Gweithgor Rheoli Perygl Llifogydd Lleol yn cwrdd ddwywaith y flwyddyn yn y dyfodol er mwyn monitro cynnydd, yn enwedig wrth ddarparu SuDS, ac yn gyffredinol ar ddarpariaeth atebion naturiol i berygl llifogydd.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 12.20 pm



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**Summary:** This is a letter from the Local Flood Risk Management Working Group to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure Management following the meeting of the Working Group on 4 April 2019. It is about progress on the recommendations made at the last meeting in October 2018.

Dear Cllr Thomas

The Local Flood Risk Management Scrutiny Working Group met on 4 April to receive an update on progress made on the recommendations from the Working Group's last meeting on 8 October 2018. This letter provides you with feedback from that meeting.

We would like to thank you and Mike Sweeney for attending to present the update and to answer our questions. We appreciate your engagement and input.

Whilst the Working Group found the meeting informative and interesting, it did have some concerns and we would like to make the following comments.

- We were informed that all new developments will have to have strategic planting and enhance biodiversity in future, with the introduction of the new statutory duty requiring Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS). The nature conservation team are aware that they will need to be involved in SuDS to give advice when applications are received.
- We heard that Green Infrastructure projects are going to be undertaken by the Authority and Natural Resources Wales in partnership and that one project is currently being consulted on which is for the city centre only.

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- We agreed to provide you with contact details for Sion Brackenbury to arrange to visit a nature based flood risk scheme in NPT. When a visit is arranged working group members are interested in attending.
- You informed us that you recently went to the opening of a flood defence scheme in Mawr and was very impressed.
- We received confirmation that the Authority cannot legislate on use of non-permeable materials in domestic gardens but the Authority could give advice. The introduction of SuDS will require that any contractors or developers will have to manage run off in the future. Permeable materials would achieve this, so it is likely they will be used by default anyway.
- We were pleased to hear that approval has been given to the initial staffing structure to undertake the delivery of SuDS. This is for 4 members of staff. One senior engineer is in place, an assistant engineer and administrative support officer will be appointed shortly and a site inspector will be employed at a later date, when sites begin to be developed.
- We were informed that the Council's Flood Advice pages on the website do not currently contain a section on 'Help us prevent flooding'. We feel the Authority needs to be proactive to help prevent flooding in domestic properties. It would be useful to have a link from the Flood Advice pages on the website to a 'Prevention' section, with wording like, 'What can I do to minimise the effect of flooding in my own property/local area?' And giving examples, such as, planting of trees, use of permeable materials for drives/patios, retaining grassed areas in the garden. We would like to see this written in straightforward language that everyone can understand. We also feel that on the Flood Advice pages, Swansea Council's advice and guidance should appear first, followed by the contact information for NRW.
- We heard that the Authority does not currently show 'live' local flooding information on its webpages as a 'live banner' or advertise it on Twitter. You agreed to explore if this can be done and if not if we can have a link to third parties live information.
- We were pleased to hear that work is ongoing to establish existing maintenance regimes for water courses and gullies across the Authority and that Highways, Parks and Housing do have maintenance regimes in place. We also heard however, that some departments are unclear about the levels of flood risk to their assets and therefore the maintenance schedules that need to be put in place and that approaches are not consistent across the Authority. We were pleased to hear that the department will continue to look into the development of a consistent approach. However you feel, and we agree, that prevention is far better than cure.

- We informed you that under section 2.2 of the briefing report (page 7), reference to the new corporate wellbeing objective for the maintenance and enhancement of natural resources and biodiversity has been omitted. You informed us that this was an oversight.
- We informed you that under section 6.12 (page 12), it would be have been useful for the report to state what is currently happening - that work is progressing, ward members have been contacted etc. You agreed with this suggestion.

The Working Group discussed progress and agreed the following conclusions and recommendations:

1. We are pleased to hear the Authority is keen to visit other local authorities that have used nature based solutions to flood risk, to explore further the opportunities for Swansea. We will provide the appropriate contact details to enable a visit to be arranged to a scheme in Neath Port Talbot. Working Group members are also interested in attending the visit and would like to be informed of the date once arranged.
2. We are pleased with the update that 4 members of staff are being employed for the delivery of SuDS. We will want to monitor progress on the delivery of SuDS at future meetings.
3. We are interested to hear more about Green Infrastructure projects and would like to have an update, on the project that is currently out to consultation, at our next meeting.
4. The Working Group feels the Authority needs to move away from a legislative basis to a more advisory role for flood risk management, for example, in respect of use of non-permeable materials. We think this is a better way to engage the public and take best practice forward.
5. We would like to see the Authority better promote prevention of flood risk and feel the Authority should look into having a link to a 'Prevention' section from the Flood Advice pages on the website.
6. We feel the Authority should explore having 'live' information on local flooding on its website, or having it provided by a third party.
7. The Working Group feels the information on the Flood Advice pages should be changed around so that Swansea Council advice and guidance appears first followed by contact details for NRW.
8. We would like to see the Authority explore ways to advertise the work that it has carried out to reduce flood risks locally, in order to get positive messages out. Ward members can be used more to get messages out to the public by distributing this information in their wards.
9. We would like an update at our next meeting on the Local Flood Risk Management plan and progress made.
10. We will recommend to Scrutiny Programme Committee that the LFRM Working Group meets on a twice-yearly basis in future in order to monitor progress, especially on delivery of SuDS, and more generally on delivery of nature based solutions to flood risk.

## Your Response

We hope that you find this letter useful and informative. We are interested in hearing your thoughts about the issues raised and would ask that you respond to our conclusions and recommendations by Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Councillor Jones

Thank you for your letter from the Scrutiny working Group held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Firstly, I am pleased to hear that the working group is keen to visit the example of a Natural Flood Risk Management site in Neath Port Talbot. To increase our awareness into the opportunities which can arise in using nature based solutions will allow the Authority to consider where appropriate similar flood mitigation measures in Swansea. I will confirm a date for a site visit and will seek interest from the working group on who wishes to attend.

With regard to the setting up of new staff structure to support the Sustainable Drainage Approval Body, you were informed that whilst there is staff in place to deal with current number of SAB enquiries, staff numbers will increase throughout the year as the demand for resources is needed. I hope the working group were satisfied to hear that the new legislation will not only help in reducing flood risk but also will ensure that all new developments over a 100m<sup>2</sup> will be able to provide benefits for our Environment and provide better Well Being for our residents in Swansea.

I agree that an update about the Green Infrastructure project and I will seek assurances that an update can be made to the group at the next working group meeting.

In terms for the Authority providing a more advisory role and moving away from legislative basis. I do appreciate your comments regarding more of an advisory role and whilst this does go on between officers and members of public during site visits, the advice can somewhat be limited as to ensure that the Authority is not accountable for any liability. Consequently, the current obligation is to fulfil the statutory requirements but I agree that there is scope to improve the information available by providing general advice on our website to minimize the effects of flooding and to promote best practice and prevention.

I refer to the point raised to having 'live' information on local flooding on the website. I wish to confirm that the Authority currently uses social media such as twitter and facebook as a mechanism to inform the residents of Swansea should major issues be encountered. Consequently, I wish to confirm that if appropriate, significant flooding



events, which cause disruption, will be communicated in the same way, but within normal working hours. Outside of normal working hours the use of live information becomes more difficult to convey, and will rely on the out of hours emergency teams to deliver messages to the local areas affected by flooding. Noting reference to third party updates, I understand that National Media e.g. Wales Online, has the capacity to deal with live updates on flooding and I will enquire if appropriate links to these pages can be set up. Web links to severe weather warnings are currently shown on the flooding advice pages on the council's website to allow residents to prepare for flooding. I would also like to confirm that Natural Resources Wales are equipped to provide advanced flood warnings to areas which are considered to be susceptible to high flood risk from main rivers and sea with residents being encouraged sign up to this free 24hr a day service via their website.

I agree that the flooding advice pages should be amended to reflect that Swansea Council Advice is given priority.

I support your recommendation on using ward members to assist in advertising and disseminating information on work related to reducing flood risk in order to get positive messages out in the ward. I would expect that members are contacted as a matter of course on any potential scheme, which will have a positive impact in their ward.

I will ask for an update at the next meeting on the local Flood Risk Management Plan.

To conclude, I would suggest that the next meeting should be arranged on an annual as opposed to a twice- yearly basis due to limited resources. I also consider that the working group would be provided with a more comprehensive update session into both how the Suds and Flood Risk Management Plan are progressing at the end of a 12month period.

Hope that I have responded to the points you have raised and look forward to meeting up again for the annual update.

Yours sincerely



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