

Flood Investigation – Tunbridge Wells 19 July 2017 Section 19 Report

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Originating Authority	Kent County Council
Final Decision Taker	Kent County Council
Exemption	Non-exempt
Classification	For Information

Recommendation:

- That the report be noted

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Kent County Council is the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for Kent, under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. One of the duties of LLFAs is to undertake investigations into significant flood events, under Section 19 of that Act.
- 1.2 The Flood and Water Management Team of KCC has prepared a report into the flooding in Tunbridge Wells on 19 July 2017. The report is attached.

2. REPORT FINDINGS

- 2.1 The report has been prepared with the support of the Highways and Transportation Team, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Southern Water, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, the Tunbridge Wells Flood Action Group and the residents of Tunbridge Wells.
- 2.2 Approximately 64 residential properties and 23 business properties from across Tunbridge wells reported flooding on 19 July 2017. The report finds that the volume and intensity of rainfall on 19 July 2017 was too large for drainage infrastructure to manage, which led to the flooding. Specific details of the flooding mechanism in parts of Tunbridge Wells are provided in the report.
- 2.3 The report also provides details of works undertaken in response to previous floods in Tunbridge Wells and opportunities identified to further reduce flood risk in the town.

Appendices to the Report

- Appendix A – Flood Investigation Report