



## Portfolio Holder Report

The portfolio holder will make a decision on this item after seven days have elapsed (including the date of publication).

Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
Director of Communities	Councillor Peter Le Marinel, Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	9 January 2025

<b>Endorsement of an update to the Fylde Coast Authorities Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2024</b>
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**Key decision:** Y

### 1. Purpose of report

1.1 To endorse updating four GeoPDF's to refine the Flood Zone 3b in accordance with the original methodology as set out within the Fylde Coast Authorities Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2024.

### 2. Council priorities

2.1 Work with partners to reduce the risk of flooding to homes and businesses across Wyre.

2.2 Secure external funding and investment to make improvements to places across the borough.

2.3 Ensure our towns and villages are supported by integrated infrastructure.

### 3. Recommendation/s

3.1 That the attached GeoPDF's C4, C5, D4 and D5 (Appendix 1) replace existing GeoPDF's C4, C5, D4 and D5 and that this is endorsed and published as soon as practical.

3.2 That subsequent updates to the Fylde Coast Authorities Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2024 are delegated to the Assistant Director of Planning and Building Control.

### 4. Background

**4.1** The Fylde Coast Authorities Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2024 was endorsed in August 2024 to support the Council in preparing a new Local Plan to cover the period 2022-2040.

## **5. Key issues and proposals**

**5.1** In November 2024 the Environment Agency (EA) raised concern with Flood Zone 3b flood extents along the River Brock. In the current Modelled Flood Zone 3b extent, the 2% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) River Wyre and 3.3% AEP River Brock outputs have been combined to represent the worst-case scenario. However, the upstream confluence should not have been overlain with the Wyre 2% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) extent given the River Brock represents the latest modelled data for this area and therefore the current modelled Flood Zone 3b extent that has been provided by consultants will be overestimating the extent in this area.

**5.2** GeoPDF's C4, C5, D4 and D5 therefore currently contain Flood Zone 3b which provides an overestimation of inundation. It is proposed that these are replaced, ensuring that Flood Zone 3b along the River Brock is an accurate representation in accordance with the original methodology as set out within the Fylde Coast Authorities Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2024.

**5.3** Flood risk data, climate change allowances and modelling approaches are revised through time. It is therefore proposed that revisions to the Fylde Coast Authorities Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2024 may be considered where necessary.

## **6. Alternative options considered and rejected**

**6.1** None. It is necessary to update to reflect latest information.

## **7. Delegated functions**

**7.1** The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution):

- "To consider options and proposals to improve, preserve and maintain those neighbourhoods and places which local people consider valuable for conversation, commerce and daily living", and;
- "To consider matters relating to Development Planning Documents or the Local Development Scheme".

**Financial, Legal/MO and Climate Change implications**

Finance	Wyre's officer time and sundry expenditure for the SFRA has been met from existing Local Plan budgets. There have been no additional costs involved with the revisions.
Legal/MO	Once endorsed, the revised SFRA outputs will be a material planning consideration in the determination of planning applications and will be used to inform council policy and actions on matters relating to flood risk and the coastline.
Climate Change	The SFRA output revision will have a positive climate impact which will inform the Local Plan and planning policy.

### Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

### Processing Personal Data

In addition to considering data protection along with the other risks/ implications, the report author will need to decide if a 'Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)' is also required. If the decision(s) recommended in this report will result in the collection and processing of personal data for the first time (i.e. purchase of a new system, a new working arrangement with a third party) a DPIA will need to be completed with advice provided by the Data Protection Officer or Deputy Data Protection Officer.

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection

### List of appendices

Appendix 1 – GeoPDF's (C4, C5, D4 and D5)