

Todmorden Town Council Flooding – Standing Sub-Committee or Advisory Committee – openness for public?

Terms of Reference

Reporting to:- Development Committee

Membership: Six Councillors and Ex-Officio (does this need to be wider to include all DC Members given its importance)

Co-opted Members as required but with non-voting rights.

Meetings: Qtly or as and when required and called at discretion of the Chairman

- 1) The Committee/ will elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from within its own membership.
- 2) Non-voting participants may be invited to meetings of the Committee as and when required.
- 3) The objective of the Flooding Working Group is to gain a comprehensive understanding of the complex issues related to flooding in Todmorden
- 4) To use that understanding to establish a “holistic” view of flooding in Todmorden and to work with key agencies and partners to assist in formulating specifically for Todmorden, a 1–5-year plan incorporating a vision and strategy, aims and objectives and actions that the Town Council can practically take to help deliver such ambitions.
- 5) To ensure that “flooding” is **always** given consideration when: -
 - reviewing the impact of existing and future planning applications on the local area on existing drainage infrastructure, flood zone classification, and evaluating the likely effect of water run off arising out of topography.
 - identifying areas in Todmorden that are at risk that potentially should not be built on including reviewing New Town Deal projects (if funding is granted) that could lead to increased impact of flooding.
 - monitoring planning enforcement of breaches that could increase the potential of flooding.
- 6) To actively engage with organisations seeking to reduce the impact of flooding in Todmorden including, but not exclusively, the following key stakeholders: -
 - Calderdale MBC.
 - Environment Agency.
 - Yorkshire Water.
 - Canal and River Trust.
 - Slow the Flow.
 - Town Councils in the Upper and Lower Calder Valley.
 - Todmorden Flood Group.
 - Residents.

- 7) To actively look to participate in any initiatives that may require Todmorden Town Council to take an active lead and seek grant funding, subject to availability of resources to deliver such initiatives.