

**Appendix 2 Progress Notes, Overview and Scrutiny Committee,
Minute 20, 17th March 2009**

The publication of legislation and other factsheets and guidance notes by Defra has confirmed that the primary strategic and emergency planning roles are to be delivered by the Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA). The relevant Regulations and Acts are listed in Items 6.c) and 6.d) of the main report.

It now emerges that other roles are to be delivered where possible more locally subject to the approval of the LLFA. Also, it is recognised that new enhanced roles are not going to be capable of being delivered by many authorities on an individual basis and advice is given as to how these may be performed by a number of partnerships. The exact details are to be approved by the LLFA who are empowered to act in default should circumstances warrant it.

Although we were approached informally by a firm of consultants BWB Consulting who kindly made a presentation to Committee, County the LLFA, has preferred partners whom they have already engaged.

In response to the resolutions: -

- 1) As per Appendix 1, the policies and other documents were in addition to the Minutes arising from the meetings listed in Section 7 of the main report were approved and subsequently ratified by Council on 26th October 2009.
- 2) The Officers of respective Councils in North-Worcestershire have actively engaged in discussions regarding a prospective local land drainage partnership. Following a meeting on 3rd August 2010, delayed because of the earlier long-term illness of the Operations Manager, informal exchanges of information has now taken place. Once the relevant Officers can formulate a combined strategy to address expectations set out in the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, these will be referred to the relevant Heads of Service, Joint Chief Executive and subsequently Members for approval in due course.