



WRITTEN QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION TO MORAY COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE 2021

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MARC MACRAE

Garmouth Flooding / River Spey Report

For many years communities who border the River Spey North of Fochabers have raised concerns in regards flooding events. At a public meeting convened by Innes Community Council on Tuesday the 19th of January 2021 assurances were given that the findings of a study being conducted would be reported back to councillors by June 2021.

In recent months assurances were sought that this report was still on track for this meeting of full council so that councillors could begin the process of finding a solution. Many in the community were disappointed to only find out upon the public publication of the meeting papers that this report was not to be included.

I therefore ask the Council why the report on the River Spey has not been presented at this meeting of the full council of members?

RESPONSE

The flood team has undertaken an investigation into the change in flood mechanism on the River Spey at Garmouth and agreed to share the findings with key stakeholders, including the local members by end of June 2021 and thereafter with the community. The report is complete and has now been sent to local members for review and discussion before being shared with other stakeholders. The process and timeline for preparation and review of the report outlined above was not based on committee consideration in June. There is no current mandate for a committee report.