

Committee: Community

Agenda Item

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Title: **FLOOD SUPPORT FOR PARISH COUNCILS**

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Item for information

Summary

- 1 Following a request from the Community Committee for the Emergency Planning Officer to advise the Committee of the Councils flood arrangements, this document outlines the current flood arrangements for UDC.

Recommendations

- 2 The contents of this report should be noted.

Background Papers

- 3 UDC Flood Policy (September 2007) – Appendix I
UDC Flood Plan (September 2007) – Appendix II
UDC Call Out Arrangements (October 2007) – Appendix III

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	UDC Flood Fair (promotional event to raise flood awareness within the community)
Community Safety	UDC Flood Fair (promotional event to raise flood awareness within the community)
Equalities	None
Finance	Cost implications for responding to a flood.
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	Specific areas within each ward are at risk from flooding fluvial and surface runoff flooding).
Workforce/Workplace	Please refer to section 4.1 of this report regarding the Council's call out

	arrangements.
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Situation

- 5 During a flood related incident, the Council may respond to the humanitarian needs of the community. The Council has a system in place to provide severe weather warnings (such as heavy rain forecasts) by text message to the Parish/Town Councils.
- 6 In the event of a flood, a resident or the emergency services may report a flood via the Cambridge Answering Service (out of office hours) or the CSC (during office hours). The call taker will then notify a member of the Emergency Response Team (ERT).
- 7 Should a request be made for sandbags, the Emergency Response Team (ERT) will refer to the Emergency Plan to determine which Parish/Town Councils store sandbags and can respond by distributing by providing sandbags to those affected. If the Parish/Town Council concerned is unable to respond or does not have a supply of sandbags, the ERT will notify the nearest or available Council owned depot to distribute sandbags. However, sandbags do not provide a suitable solution in responding to floods.
- 8 The Council may also respond to the humanitarian needs of the community by providing support services or access to services that are provided by other organisations such as: Social Care or information and advice services from the voluntary sector.
- 9 As a last resort, the Council may initiate a rest centre for those who have been made homeless by a flood and have no other alternative accommodation.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
To ensure all members are aware of the Councils flood arrangements.	2 = Some likelihood	2 = Some impact – action may be necessary	Having clear plans in place aids the district and parish councils to work together to provide support for the community