

<b>Title of Report:</b>	Severe weather, winter 2013/14
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	30 September 2014

**Purpose of Report:** To set out to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission draft recommendations identified during the review into the severe weather events of the winter of 2013/14.

**Recommended Action:** It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission agrees the recommendations that should go forward for consideration by the Executive and other organisations.

**Key background documentation:** Winter Floods & Storms 2013/2014 Debrief Report

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# Executive Report

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission (OSMC) has carried out a review into the severe weather events experienced in West Berkshire over the winter of 2013/14.
- 1.2 This report sets out the Terms of Reference and methodology of the review and proposes a number of draft recommendations for agreement by the Commission.

## 2. Terms of Reference

- 2.1 The Commission agreed that a review would be undertaken into the effects of and response to the severe weather that affected West Berkshire during the winter of 2013/2014, in order to ensure that the appropriate lessons are learnt and measures put in place to mitigate the effect of future severe weather events. In particular the review sought to
- (1) Understand what happened and why
  - (2) Determine whether the plans in place prior to the flooding were effective
  - (3) Identify the lessons that should be learnt
  - (4) Assess the future severe weather risks to the District and the extent to which they might be managed
  - (5) Report to the Executive and others with recommendations as appropriate.

## 3. Methodology

- 3.1 The review was undertaken by the full Commission over the course of a series of public meetings. In outline, the meetings were structured as set out in the table below.

Date	Times	Meeting focus
1 September 2014	1100 – 1645	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Events overview</li><li>• Council response</li></ul>
5 September 2014	0900 – 1630	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response by other agencies</li></ul>
11 September 2014	1330 – 1745	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effect on and response by communities</li></ul>
30 September 2014	1830 – 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sign off of recommendations</li></ul>

- 3.2 The recommendations identified by the Commission will be included as part of a wider and composite debrief report, a working draft of which was provided to the Commission at its meeting of 1 September 2014, for consideration by the Executive in due course.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission agrees the recommendations that should go forward for consideration by the Executive and other organisations.

#### **Appendices**

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Appendix A	Draft recommendations
Appendix B	Minutes from 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2014
Appendix C	Minutes from 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2014
Appendix D	Minutes from 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2014