
Adverse Weather Debrief Progress Report - Summary Report

Committee considering report: Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission

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Portfolio Member: Councillor Garth Simpson

Date Portfolio Member agreed report:

Forward Plan Ref:

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update the Board on the progress of actions following the Adverse Weather Debrief in 2014.

2. Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that:

- (1) The Commission notes the progress that has been made in the action plan
- (2) Support continues to be provided to officers to ensure the successful progression of the actions to a satisfactory conclusion.

3. Executive Summary

3.1 Introduction

Following the adverse weather experienced over the winter of 2013/14 a debrief was undertaken. A report was developed and an action plan was prepared which was approved by the Executive in December 2014. It was also agreed that the report would be re-appraised annually in order to monitor progress. This document is the first of these reports.

3.2 Action Progress

Since the approval of the action plan in December 2014 34 of the 60 actions have been completed. Appendix A shows the current status.

Of the 34 actions completed it should be noted that:

- (1) after consideration by the Highways and Transport Service certain actions will not be progressed (Serial No 19 & 52)
- (2) Appendix B is the report on the investigation of the use of 'UAV's in emergencies.
- (3) Appendix C is the report in relation to Communications Strategies and promotional activities.

3.3 Of the remaining 26 actions, all are being progressed as indicated, with many nearing completion. Some are also likely to become 'business as usual' activities in a rolling programme particularly in relation to promotion of community resilience activities. There are however a number of complex multi-service and multi-agency actions which are taking more time to progress to a full conclusion.

It should be noted however that despite many actions not being completed in full at this stage, the lessons learnt are such that if a similar situation arose now the Council and others will be better placed to respond more effectively.

3.4 Other Flood Actions

In addition to this action plan, there are other action plans being progressed by the Highways & Transport Service as a result of the flood investigation reports as required under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. These have almost been completed and the resultant engineering solutions are being implemented. The effect of which should reduce the risk of flooding in these areas.

Central Government provided funding to partially compensate businesses against their business losses following the floods and to support home owners with the installation of property level protection. The figures below show the number of businesses and residential properties that have been supported. This process had a significant resource implication through checking applications and administering the payment of funds.

<i>No of businesses supported</i>	25	<i>Business grant funds provided.</i>	£50,000.00
<i>No of residential property applications approved</i>	99	<i>Residential grant funds provided</i>	£454,113.33

4. Conclusion & Recommendations

Since the floods in 2013/14 good progress has been made with all proposed actions. The profile of the action plans is still high not least because of the formation of 4 local Flood Forums following the flooding which maintains the public interest in the engineering work being undertaken in the communities themselves and by way of a greater understanding overall in the problems and issues likely to be experienced in the future.

It is recommended that:

- (4) Board notes the progress that has been made in the action plan and
- (5) support continues to be provided to officers to ensure the successful progression of the actions to a satisfactory conclusion.

5. Appendices

5.1 Appendix A - OSMC Progress Action Plan

5.2 Appendix B – UAV report

5.3 Appendix C – Communications Strategy & Promotional Activities.

Corporate Board's recommendation:

Report to proceed to Operations Board for information.

OSMC's recommendation:

To be considered at the meeting scheduled 1 December 2015.
