

**West Berkshire District Council
Individual Executive Member
Decision Record Sheet**



Forward Plan Reference	Service Grouping
ID3219	Environment

Title:	Sandbag Policy
Recommendation by Officer:	Sandbags are no longer considered to be an effective means for dealing with floods, particularly flash floods, and it is therefore recommended that the Council will not issue sandbags to the public in the future. However, experience has shown that there is a general expectation among the public that the Council should help during a flood. Therefore, the proposed policy provides the ability for officers to use their discretion in exceptional circumstances or when dealing with requests from vulnerable people. It is recommended that the policy in Appendix C is adopted to make clear the Council's position on providing sandbags.
Purpose of Recommendation:	To gain approval of the sandbag policy in Appendix C which clarifies the Council's position regarding the supply of sandbags before and during a flood event.
Decision Taken:	As 'Recommendation by Officer' above.
Reason for Decision Taken:	As 'Purpose of Recommendation' above.
Options Considered:	n/a
Those Consulted and a Summary of Comments Received:	<p>Members:</p> <p>Leader of Council: Councillor Roger Croft</p> <p>Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Councillor Emma Webster</p> <p>Ward Members:</p> <p>Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Alan Macro</p> <p>Local Stakeholders: Parish Councils, Local Flood Forums</p> <p>Officers Consulted: Carolyn Richardson</p>
Background Papers:	Pitt, M. 2008. The Pitt review: learning lessons from the 2007 floods, DEFRA (Available from: http://archive.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/pittreview/thepittreview/final_report.html)

Exempt Information:	n/a
Declarations of Interest:	None

I confirm that I have fully advised and have taken account of all the relevant facts in making this decision.

Is the Decision subject to Call In		Date Decision Made	Date Decision will be Implemented (5 clear days)
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	23 February 2017	03 March 2017

Portfolio Member:	Signed: <i>Jane Clifford</i>	Print Name: Jeanette Clifford
Director or representative:	Signed: <i>Stuart Clark</i>	Print Name: Stuart Clark
Witnessed by:	<i>Jane</i> on behalf of Head of Strategic Support	Print Name: <i>MOLINA FRASER</i>
Date:	23 February 2017	