

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mike Hill

Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

DECISION NO:

19/00086

For publication

Key decision*

Yes – County Wide impact

Subject: Updates to KCC Flood Response Emergency Plan

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services, I agree to the scope and content of the updated KCC Flood Response Emergency Plan.

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC is legally required to have Emergency Plans in place to respond to identified threats under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. The Kent Resilience Forum Risk Register identifies coastal, fluvial and surface water flooding as a key risk in the County, and it is for this reason that KCC is required to have an emergency plan in place to support the planning for and response to such incidents. The decision required is to approve the latest updates to KCC's Flood Response Emergency Plan. Once the Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services has approved these updates, the Plan will be published to Kent.gov.uk, uploaded to Resilience Direct and shared with relevant KCC colleagues and resilience partners (including Districts and Parish Councils).

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The draft plan was been shared with partners both within KCC and beyond. It was tabled at the KRF Severe Weather Group on 4 July and the Cross-Directorate Resilience Forum and Kent Flood Risk Management Committee, on 22 July 2019. Consultation was undertaken across key resilience partners with significant contribution from Environment Agency, Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Kent Resilience Team.

The KCC Flood Response Emergency Plan was presented to Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 29th November. Members agreed to endorse the recommendations,

Any alternatives considered:

The other option would be for KCC not to operate a corporate Flood Response Emergency Plan and instead to rely upon individual service Emergency Plans and the generic KCC Emergency Plan. However, the significance of the flood threat in Kent, special characteristics of flood response and the importance of joined-up working across the County Council's services means that this option is unlikely to provide effective preparedness, and therefore it is unlikely to achieve compliance with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None

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signed

Name:

MIKE HILL

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date

12.12.19