

EMERGENCY PLANNING JOINT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Tuesday 26 September, 2023

10.00 am

**At the Emergency Planning Annex,
Stockton Police Station, Bishop Street,
Stockton-On-Tees, Cleveland, TS18 1SY**

MEMBERS: EMERGENCY PLANNING JOINT COMMITTEE:-

Hartlepool Borough Council: Councillor Sue Little
Middlesbrough Borough Council: Councillor Theo Furness
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council: Councillor Adam Brook
Stockton Borough Council: Councillor Clare Gamble

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2023 (previously published).

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Financial Management Update Report – *Director of Finance, IT and Digital and Chief Emergency Planning Officer*
4.2 Local Authority Emergency Management – *Principal Emergency Planning Officer*
4.3 Community Risk Register – *Principal Emergency Planning Officer*
4.4 Flooding and Adverse Weather – *Senior Emergency Planning Officer*
4.5 Local Resilience Forum Capacity and Capability Funding – *Chief Emergency Planning Officer / Local Resilience Forum Manager*
4.6 Activities Report 30/06/2023 - 14/09/2023 – *Chief Emergency Planning Officer*
4.7 Incidents Report 01/06/2023 – 31/08/2023 – *Chief Emergency Planning Office*

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT



EMERGENCY PLANNING JOINT COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

18 JULY 2023

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am at the Emergency Planning Annex,
Stockton Police Station, Bishop Street, Stockton-On-Tees.

Present:

Councillor: Councillor Sue Little (Hartlepool Borough Council) (In the Chair)

Councillors: Councillor Theo Furness (Middlesbrough Borough Council)
Councillor Clare Gamble (Stockton Borough Council)

Officers: Stuart Marshall, Chief Emergency Planning Officer
Kayleigh Fox – LRF Support Officer
Jon Hepworth, Group Accountant (Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Adam Brook (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)

2. Declarations of interest by Members

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2023

Received.

4. Emergency Planning Joint Committee Introduction Paper *(Chief Emergency Planning Officer)*

Purpose of report

To provide the new members of the Emergency Planning Joint Committee (EPJC) with an overview of the working arrangements and wider context of the Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit to enable effective oversight of the CEPU and CLRF activities and to enable members to contribute to future direction and policy. For reference a copy of the EPJC constitution was appended to the report.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Chief Emergency Planning Officer submitted a report setting out for the new Members of the Committee the role of the Committee and the Emergency Planning Unit (EPU). The report identified the legislation under which the service operated and how each local authority coordinated with the EPU.

The report also highlighted the role of the Local Resilience Forum and how that operated in partnership with the EPU. The report set out details of the standing reports that would come to all meetings together with some additional subject specific reports programmed for the forthcoming year.

Members discussed some of the major incidents that the Unit had dealt with including issues such as the high spring tides and potential for tidal surges in September and October. The Chief Emergency Planning Officer stated that while the astronomical information was known at this time and there was ongoing monitoring and consideration, the major aspect and concern would be the weather prevailing at the time and its potential to generate a surge. He outlined that this could not be predicted with any real accuracy until about five days before the event.

Members questioned the previous incidents and how learning from them was incorporated into local plans. The Chief Emergency Planning Officer indicated that a register of incidents was kept, lessons identified through debriefs and Emergency Planning Officers from agencies ensured plans met the more frequent events and that local resilience and Community Risk Registers were up to date. The Chief Emergency Planning Officer stated that a report could be brought to a future meeting to show how Community Resilience Plans and projects were designed and developed. Members commented that environmental and climatic changes were influencing the severity and frequency of many weather incidents and questioned how this was changing local emergency plans. The Chief Emergency Planning Officer commented that the focus of the LRF including risk assessment under guidance is approximately 5 years forward, however the need to start looking much further forward has been identified in a number of national reviews and the recently released UK Government Resilience Framework.

The Chair congratulated the officers involved in the recent Tall Ships event which had gone off without any reported issues. The Chief Emergency Planning Officer reported that EPU officers had been involved in the planning for the event and on the day.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the Emergency Planning Joint Committee terms of reference and Local Government Association guidance for councillors.

2. The Committee requested that the Chief Emergency Planning Officer arrange introductory training from the Cabinet Office Emergency Planning College.
3. The Committee supported the reporting schedule, as outlined, and requested further information on the Community Risk Register and local plans.

5. Activities Report 01/04/2023 – 30/06/2023 (*Chief Emergency Planning Officer*)

Purpose of report

To assist members of the Emergency Planning Joint Committee in overseeing the performance and effectiveness of the Emergency Planning Unit and its value to the four unitary authorities.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Chief Emergency Planning Officer reported on the progress made to date on the EPU's 2023/24 Action Plan. While many actions had not yet commenced, mainly due to staff being involved in other activities, the Chief Emergency Planning Officer stated that he was not concerned at this time that the action plan would be delivered. The report contained a number of examples of work completed including the update of all the contact information the Unit needed for a range of emergency situations.

The Chief Emergency Planning Officer also reported that through the Government Grant Funding to LRFs, a lot of innovative work was underway in the Local Resilience Forum, though the grant regime did require a significant amount of reporting back to government.

Members discussed the emergency plans held by local companies, such as those with duties under the COMAH regulations and how the duties on the Local Authority were recharged for by the Unit. In terms of LRF funding the Chief Emergency Planning Officer commented that Category 1 and 2 agencies under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 contributed but that funding was inconsistent between partners. The Chief Emergency Planning Officer identified that there are areas of work with organisations and the private sector which cannot be recharged for but are undertaken due to the benefit of the area or need.

Members discussed some of the potential major incidents that could affect the whole region and how they were planned for. Following a query from a member the Chief Emergency Planning Officer reported that events such as tsunamis whilst feasible were not as high on the local risk register in comparison to a number of other risks. Members requested that a report on the headline risks be submitted to a future meeting.

Members also referred to the recent test of the emergency cell broadcast via mobile phones and how this would be utilised in the future. The Chief Emergency Planning Officer reported that he fully supported the system, though at present there were still issues to be resolved before it can be fully utilised. The Chief Emergency Planning Officer identified that the system is well applied to flooding via the Environment Agency and hoped that the service would be widened and adapted to cover a number of other specific risk scenarios, he identified that there would need to be an appropriate local strategic commander to authorise release of messages.

Decision

1. That the update on the Emergency Planning Unit Action Plan be noted.
2. That an update on the Risks Register and Major Incident Plans be submitted to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

6. Incidents Report 01/04/2023 – 30/06/2023 *(Chief Emergency Planning Officer)*

Purpose of report

To assist members of the Emergency Planning Joint Committee in overseeing the performance and effectiveness of the Emergency Planning Unit and its value to the four unitary authorities through provision of a list of incidents within the reporting period.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Chief Emergency Planning Officer reported on the incidents that had been responded to by the Emergency Planning Unit during the April to June period. A number of these incidents had been followed up with multi-agency debriefs, the learning from which was shared with agencies and where appropriate actioned via the Local Resilience Forum / agencies internal procedures.

Members noted the incidents and briefly discussed the Tees Barrage failure and outage that resulted in the loss of the national 999 service. The Chief Emergency Planning Officer stated that an OFCOM report on the service outage was still awaited. Members requested an update be provided for a future meeting.

The meeting also briefly discussed the fire hazard issues around lithium batteries used in electric vehicles, bicycles and scooters and the potential impacts on the Teesside area especially reference the potential risks of storage and recycling of batteries at end of life. Members noted that there were a number of reported fires where batteries in electric bicycles and scooters left on charge overnight had set alight. There were issues associated with non-regulated batteries being used in some products, and

also available on the after-market, and there was a push for national guidance and awareness reference the dangers associated.

Decision

1. That the report be noted.
2. That a report be provided to a future meeting on the national 999 service outage.

7. Financial Management Outturn Report *(Director of Finance, IT and Digital and Chief Emergency Planning Officer)*

Purpose of report

To provide details of the outturn for the financial year ending 31st March, 2023.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Group Accountant reported that the final outturn position for the Emergency Planning Service, was a minor adverse variance of £4,000, before the release of reserves. The variance resulted from slight reductions in recharges from external bodies, though this was largely offset by a favourable variance in staffing costs.

In relation to the Local Resilience Forum, the Group Accountant reported that there was a favourable variance of £39,000 which mainly related to underspends against non-staffing costs, as the scheme had not become fully operational until the 4 posts were filled. This would enable the contributions of partners to be carried forward in a reserve.

Members discussed the funding arrangements for the Emergency Planning Services, and the Chief Emergency Planning Officer indicated that while much of the base funding came from the four partner local authorities, there was other funding from that came from chargeable activities, particularly under the COMAH regulations and also contributions from partner organisations.

In relation to the LRF funding, the Chief Emergency Planning Officer commented that the government was looking to make LRF's more visible and accountable and was to engage 11 areas to trial new models of operation under a stronger LRFs programme. With Cleveland already receiving grant funding for the LRF Pilot Scheme, the LRF strategic Board indicated that 'we' would be happy to act as a comparator to those involved.

Members asked if the next financial report to the Committee could include a report on the reserves currently held for both the Emergency Planning Unit and the Local Resilience Forum.

Decision

1. That the Outturn Report for 2022/23 be noted.
2. That the next Financial Update Report include details of the reserves for both the Emergency Planning Unit and the Local Resilience Forum.

8. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

None.

The meeting concluded at 11.10 am.

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DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

PUBLICATION DATE: 21st July 2023

EMERGENCY PLANNING JOINT COMMITTEE

26th September, 2023



Report of: Director of Finance, IT and Digital and Chief
Emergency Planning Officer

Subject: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide details of the forecast outturn for the current financial year ending 31st March, 2024.
- 1.2 To provide details of Reserves held as at 1st April, 2023 and proposed usage in the current year based on the forecast outturn.

2. FORECAST OUTTURN

- 2.1 The latest forecast outturn is a nil variance as shown in the table below.

Table 1 – Main Emergency Planning Budget - Forecast Outturn as at 31st August, 2023

	Budget	Latest Forecast as at 31st August, 2023	Forecast Outturn Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Main Emergency Planning Budget			
Direct Costs - Employees	344	336	(8)
Direct Costs - Other	103	103	0
Income	(426)	(418)	8
Net Position Before Use of Reserves	21	21	0
Transfer To/(From) Reserves	(21)	(21)	0
Net Position After Use of Reserves	0	0	0

- 2.2 There is a favourable variance of £8,000 on employee costs as a result of a pension savings, which is offset by a forecast adverse variance of £8,000 owing to income from industrial fees such as COMAH and REPIR which are anticipated to be lower than budgeted.
- 2.3 The latest forecast for the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) budget is a nil variance as shown in the following table:

Table 2 – 2023/24 LRF Forecast Outturn for Financial Year Ending 31st March, 2023

	Budget	Latest Forecast as at 31st August, 2023	Forecast Outturn Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Direct Costs - Employees	163	163	0
Direct Costs – Other	86	86	0
Income	(47)	(47)	0
Pilot Grant	(202)	(202)	0
Net Position	0	0	0

3. RESERVES

- 3.1 The latest position for Reserves is shown in Table 3 below:

Table 3 – Current level of Reserves

	General £000's	LRF £000's	Total £000's
Balance as 31st March, 2023	150	380	530
Use of Reserve to Balance budget	(21)	0	(21)
Forecast Balance as 31st March, 2024	129	380	509

- 3.2 As shown in the table above, the forecast level of reserves includes the use of £21,000 as part of the original budget for 2023/24 and reflects the planned use of reserves to part fund the existing staffing structure and operating costs. It is proposed that the General reserve is used to support the budget in the medium term.
- 3.3 The LRF Reserve budget includes £220,000 of grant funding from the 'Government Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities' which will be used to extend the current scheme and additional staffing

beyond 2024/25 when the annual funding ends. The remainder of the balance mainly relates to an underspend of Brexit grant which will be retained to support community resilience and a contingency for urgent local response requirements.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To note the latest outturn forecast for 2023/24
- 4.2 To approve the proposed future use of the General Reserve to support the main Emergency Planning budget.
- 4.3 To approve the proposed use of the LRF Reserve to extend the current grant funded scheme and additional staffing beyond 2024/25 when the annual funding ends and the remainder to be used as a contingency for community resilience and a contingency for urgent local response requirements.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1 None.

6. CONTACT OFFICERS

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EMERGENCY PLANNING JOINT COMMITTEE

26th September 2023



Report of: Principal Emergency Planning Officer

Subject: Local Authority Emergency Management

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

Non-key report

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To provide Members with a summary of the emergency management arrangements in place across the 4 Local Authorities.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Civil Contingencies Act (2004) defines Local Authorities as Category 1 responders (those organisations likely to be at the core of the response to most emergencies) and places a duty on them to undertake emergency planning.
- 3.2 Whilst each of the 4 Local Authorities operates slightly differently due to structures and local context there are key activities and outputs embedded to ensure effective emergency planning within the authorities and the ability to meet both statutory duties and expectations.
- 3.3 The Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit (CEPU) delivers the emergency planning function on behalf of the 4 Local Authorities of Cleveland, with a Senior Emergency Planning Officer (SEPO) identified as lead for each local authority area.
- 3.4 To drive the delivery of the activities there is a Director who acts as the Strategic Lead for Emergency Planning in each local authority area, to ensure learning and good practice is shared across each authority the CEPU facilitates a 6 monthly meeting for the EP Leads to get together.
- 3.5 The core document for each local authority is the Major Incident Plan (MIP), it outlines the arrangements for responding to an emergency, or major incident, in their authority area. This plan is tested on an annual basis to

ensure it's effectiveness, this is lead by the relevant SEPO. The MIP documents the process for coordination at a local level through setting up the Borough Emergency Centre, although the new shift towards virtual working does provide more opportunities to bring the team together efficiently in a virtual setting. It also outlines the multi-agency working arrangements and how the Council will be expected to support Strategic Coordinating Groups and Tactical Coordinating Groups. It is also worth noting that the Council will generally have a lead for the coordination of recovery due to the impacts of an emergency.

- 3.6 It is recognised that communication is integral to the response and there are a number of key activities around this. Contact lists containing contact details for key individuals are produced and shared with relevant officers to ensure contact can be made outside of normal working hours, these lists are reviewed regularly to monitor any changes. The approach to out of hours rotas varies in each local authority however there are systems in place in all 4 to ensure identified Strategic, Tactical and Operational Level Officers can be contacted outside of normal working hours.
- 3.7 Those officers within each local authority who are identified as having a role to play in emergency planning at each of the command levels (Strategic, Tactical and Operational) are offered training opportunities, both internally as a single agency and as part of wider multi agency events, to develop their skills and provide assurance that they are equipped to deliver against the expectations.
- 3.8 In terms of the governance arrangements in each of the local authorities on emergency planning, generally there is a core group of officers from key service areas who meet on a regular basis to share information, updates, training opportunities etc and to ensure a connected corporate response across all service areas, this is often referred to as the Emergency Management Response Team (EMRT).
- 3.9 Information for the public on emergency planning and what to do in an emergency is available on each of the Councils websites, including the link to the Local Resilience Forum's (LRF's) Community Risk Register.
- 3.10 Benchmarking is undertaken against the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) "Local Authorities' preparedness for civil emergencies – a good practice guide for Chief Executive" to ensure that each of the local authorities is working towards the same framework, this is reviewed on annual basis. In addition due cognisance is taken of the relevant non-statutory resilience standards issued by HM Government.
- 3.11 To support each of the 4 local authorities the CEPU provides a Duty Officer who is available 24/7 365 days a year, their role is to act as a conduit between the Emergency Services and the local authorities, and to provide tactical advice during an incident. In the event of a large or protracted incident this officer can be backed up by additional officers on a best endeavours basis to support authorities.

- 3.12 The range of incidents we are involved in is expansive, so far this year we have been involved in incidents involving unexploded ordnance (Redcar), unsafe structures / buildings (Redcar & Stockton), damaged pipeline (Stockton), surface water flooding (Redcar and Stockton) and fires (Redcar & Middlesbrough). The plans also support business as usual activities undertaken by the council for example when planning major events the MIP is often referenced in the event specific contingency plans,

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 To continue to report into Members on Local Authority Emergency Management.
- 4.2 To continue to provide key updates to Members in relation to ongoing activities across the 4 Local Authorities and notable practice.
- 4.3 Members consider if they wish to have further information on the specific arrangements in their respective authorities.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Failure to have effective emergency arrangements in place is required by legislation and would detrimentally impact the ability of the Local Authority to meet the needs of residents and partners.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations relating to this report.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The key legislation is the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 which identifies the local authorities as a Category 1 responder, other legislation includes the Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations 2015.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS (IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM TO BE COMPLETED AS APPROPRIATE.)

There are no equality and diversity considerations relating to this report.

9. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

There are no staff considerations relating to this report.

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no asset management considerations relating to this report.

11. ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS

There are no Environmental, sustainability or climate change considerations directly relating to this report.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 Members note the content of the report and are aware of the arrangements in place across the 4 Local Authorities

12.2 Members are aware of the contacts should further information be required.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 To ensure Members are informed on the emergency planning arrangements across the 4 Local Authorities.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

SOLACE LA preparedness

[181116 LA preparedness guide for cx v6.10 004 .pdf](#)
(publishing.service.gov.uk)

LGA Councillors Guide to Civil Emergencies

[A councillor's guide to civil emergencies | Local Government Association](#)

HM Government Resilience Standards

[National Resilience Standards](#)

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EMERGENCY PLANNING JOINT COMMITTEE

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Report of: Principal Emergency Planning Officer

Subject: COMMUNITY RISK REGISTER

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

Non-key report

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To provide an awareness of the Community Risk Register and the associated activities undertaken to strengthen resilience across Cleveland.
- 2.2 To outline the connection between the HM Government products and the information provided to local residents to aid preparedness for a range of civil emergencies.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Civil Contingencies Act (2004) places a duty on local responders to identify and assess potential risks that may affect their geographical area, and to share this information with the residents of Cleveland in the form of a Community Risk Register (CRR).
- 3.2 The National Security Risk Assessment (NSRA) is produced by Central Government, currently on a 2 yearly basis, and it outlines the most significant risks with the potential to impact the UK. These can include natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods and wildfires, as well as human-made hazards like industrial accidents or cyber attacks.
- 3.3 The NSRA is then utilised to identify the relevant risks that may impact Cleveland. Once identified an evaluation is undertaken on the severity and likelihood of each risk which allows us to understand the level of preparedness required at a local level. It also provides an opportunity for any specific or additional risks to be incorporated.

- 3.4 In terms of planning for the risks we include in the CRR, we follow the UK Government approach which operates on the basis of consequence-based planning. Planning for the largest scale and, where applicable, longest duration that can be reasonably expected of any given consequence is more efficient and more versatile than producing a bespoke plan for every risk included in an assessment.
- 3.5 This common consequence based planning approach involves the identification of the common consequences against the assessed risks and it allows us to establish a holistic assessment of resilience requirements at a local level. This information is encapsulated in the Cleveland Local Resilience Forum (CLRF) Local Resilience Planning Assumptions (LRPA's).
- 3.6 Following the production of the LRPA's we conduct a capability assessment which maps out current capabilities in Cleveland against the assessment of local resilience requirements, which allows us to identify and prioritise gaps and focus effort on where improvements are required.
- 3.7 The CRR is the public facing document used to share information with our communities on those risks which have the potential to affect the Cleveland area. The document outlines what the risks are, the actions that LRF partners are taking and the actions that the public can take to prepare for and reduce the impacts of emergencies. The challenge is ensuring our communities are aware of this document, that the information appropriate for a range of audiences and doesn't needlessly alarm or concern the audience.
- 3.8 The Cleveland CRR is currently under review, with the focus on improving a number of areas including the content, accessibility, usability and community engagement. As a means of informing the development of an effective CRR that adds value officers have been reviewing practice from across Local Resilience Forums and seeking input from community groups.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The CRR is currently being reviewed, once drafted this will be shared with Members for comment.
- 4.2 The publication of the CRR will be supported by a media campaign and awareness sessions and we would welcome any feedback you may have to ensure this is as far reaching as possible.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Failure to assess risk appropriately will impact all elements if integrated emergency management and result in a disjoint between the plans and capabilities in place vs. those required.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial considerations relating to this report.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The key legislation is the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 which identifies the local authorities as a Category 1 responder, section 10 of the CCA 2004 identifies failure by a person or body identified within the legislation may bring proceedings in the High Court. None

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS (IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM TO BE COMPLETED AS APPROPRIATE.)

There are no equality and diversity considerations relating to this report. When developing the CRR guidance will be sought from stakeholders and user groups reference the presentation and communication.

9. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

There are no staff considerations relating to this report.

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no asset management considerations relating to this report.

11. ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS

There are no Environmental, sustainability or climate change considerations relating to this report.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 Members note the content of the report and are aware of the process behind the Community Risk Register.

12.2 Members raise any queries or if they require any further information on the CRR.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 To ensure Members are aware of where to get further information on the CRR and can support the development of an effective community risk register and accompanying communications strategy.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Current Community Risk Register - [Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit - Information for residents](#)

15. CONTACT OFFICERS

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Report of: Senior Emergency Planning Officer

Subject: FLOODING AND ADVERSE WEATHER

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To give members of the EPJC an oversight of the risk of adverse weather in the Cleveland area and mitigations in place.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As a category one responder as defined by the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 there is a duty on the Local Authority to assess the risk of emergencies and to plan for emergencies, many of these emergencies will be either caused by or impacted by adverse weather and flooding. This paper provides a background brief on adverse weather and flooding.
- 3.2 The Cleveland Local Resilience Forum's (LRF) community risk register identifies a number of risks relating to adverse weather and flooding (9) – including High Temperatures and Heatwave, Low temperatures and snow, Coastal, Fluvial and Surface water flooding and Storms. As well as the initial impacts of adverse weather, secondary impacts often impact utilities and transport further complicating responses. Common consequences include disruption to transport, normal services, impacts on health, life and property risk.
- 3.3 Forecasting weather for the UK is a challenge due to geography, but a number of tools have been made available such as Hazard Manager and the National Severe Weather Warning Service to support responders. Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit (CEPU) Officers are further supported by Resilience Advisors from the Met Office including 24/7 contacts who will provide live updates on request before and during periods of adverse weather.
- 3.4 There are a number of national plans in place to support the preparation and response to adverse weather for example the UK Health Security Agency's Adverse Weather and Health plan (which covers both Heatwave and Cold

periods). Locally further plans have been developed for example the council's gritting plans, preparedness pages on ResilienceDirect and 4x4 register.

- 3.5 The LRF has a flood and adverse weather group that sits bi-annually to seek assurance that agencies are prepared, share learning and to review lessons identified over the past six months. CEPU continues to work closely with partners including from the Councils, Met Office and Environment Agency to raise awareness of flooding and the actions that can be taken at the community and household level.
- 3.6 The major types of flooding affecting the Cleveland area are Tidal (including tidal Tees and coastal), Fluvial (river) and Pluvial (surface water). The Environment Agency advise that there are approximately 5,000 properties at risk of flooding within the Cleveland LRF area. Members of the public can check the flood risks associated with a location on the Environment Agencies website.
- 3.7 The risk of flooding is demonstrated by numerous relatively small-scale flooding incidents as well as the major tidal inundation of 2013, appendix 1 contains a brief summary of instances of flooding and adverse weather reported to the Local Authority Emergency Planning Unit since 2020. Whilst the rural communities within Cleveland area are affected appendix 1 demonstrates that the risk also applies to those in the urban areas including residential, commercial and industrial sites within the LRF.
- 3.8 Whilst flood forecasting is increasingly accurate for coastal and river flooding, surface water flooding is often more challenging. The Met Office in conjunction with the Environment Agency do deliver a service via the Flood Forecasting Centre which identifies and warns of heightened periods of risk. However the whilst wide areas can be identified as being at risk often only a small geography will be impacted by the most intense weather. This means that resources cannot be pre-deployed and that often the first notification of surface water flooding will be calls from residents already impacted to local authorities and emergency services.
- 3.9 The Environment Agency operates a flood warning system mainly centred around tidal and fluvial flooding these warnings can be delivered by email, voice (telephone) or SMS (text message), residents in the flood warning areas can sign up for this service at no cost. The nature and forecasting technology generally allows for earlier notification than surface water flooding enabling Flood Advisory Service Teleconferences to ensure that all partners are aware in advance.
- 3.10 There are three levels of warning flood alert (flooding is possible), flood warning (flooding is likely) and severe flood warning (threat to life), in addition to this the recently introduced government emergency alerts can be issued in addition to the severe flood warning, the main advantage of this being that it is broadcasted to mobile phones in a designated area rather than just those signed up for flood warnings.

- 3.11 As well as agency specific operational flood plans there is an overarching LRF Multi-Agency Flood Plan (MAFP), stating roles and responsibilities of LRF agencies as well as guidance sheets around communities at risk. It includes numbers of properties at risk, local evacuation centres, vulnerable properties and infrastructure as well as known community groups. This plan is audited on behalf of DEFRA and at the last audit was identified as good practice. This plan is further supported by operational documents such as a water rescues capability document outlining those agencies with specialist equipment and staff who may be deployed in a flooding event.
- 3.12 The MAFP also covers flooding from reservoir inundation (Dam failure), this includes the impacts from reservoirs outside the LRF area.
- 3.13 In 2022 a large-scale national exercise “Flood Ex” was held based on an East Coast Inundation (Tidal Flooding) scenario, over 80 people participated in the Cleveland exercise including all four local councils, emergency services, social housing providers, industry, and volunteer groups. The LRF, EA and Met Office provide regular briefing sessions and are regularly required to provide assurance to Central Government.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 That the LRF Flood and Adverse Weather group continue to obtain reassurance that individual agencies are prepared and that lessons identified are embedded from incidents.
- 4.2 That the CEPU alongside other LRF partners continue to promote the actions and work that can be done at a household and community level to aid resilience to adverse weather.
- 4.3 Should members require further information on any element of the EPU or LRF regarding planning for, responding to and recovery from adverse weather events contact the Chief and Emergency Planning Officer.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Failure to understand the impacts of adverse weather could adversely effect any response to such

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial considerations relating to this report.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 All key legislative requirements regarding response to adverse weather are adhered to.

8. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY

- 8.1 There are no child and family poverty implications relating to this report.

9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations relating to this report.

10. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 There are no staff considerations relating to this report.

11. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no asset management considerations relating to this report.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 That the CEPU continues to be represented at the LRF Flood and adverse weather group and ensures the multi-agency flood plan is reviewed as per protocol.
- 12.2 Members advise if they require further information on the arrangements in place reference the emergency response to adverse weather.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 To ensure that members of the EPJC can effectively obtain assurance that the duties and expectations on the Local Authorities of Cleveland are being met in regard to planning for emergencies due to adverse weather and flooding.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None presented.

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Appendix 1: Summary of flooding and adverse weather incidents

Date	Boroughs impacted	Locations	Type	Notes
07/01/2020	Redcar & Cleveland	A66 Tees dock junction	Flooding	Surface water flooding causing traffic disruption flooding was due to water main bursting
14/01/2020	Stockton-On-Tees	Tidal River Tees	Flooding	Potential flooding issues due to high tides and tidal surge
20/01/2021	All Boroughs	All Borough effected mainly Middlesbrough and Redcar especially Loftus	Flooding	Large areas reporting surface water flooding properties flooded in Loftus and Ormesby other areas property affected
28/01/2021	Stockton-On-Tees	Port Clarence	Flooding	Holme fleet beck blockage eventually leading to flooding behind Port Clarence no properties flooded although potential properties affected
26/11/2021	All Boroughs	Multiple locations	Adverse weather	Storm Arwen conditions (red for wind). Numerous power cuts, unsafe structures, coastal flood warnings etc.
16/02/2022	All Boroughs	All Cleveland	Adverse weather	TCG's Held for storm Dudley and Eunice
30/11/2022	Middlesbrough	Ormsby High Street	Flooding	Mechanical damage to major water pipe junction leaving to severe flooding of the carriageway and nearby bungalows. Later also realised that water was knocked off to a large number of properties
18/07/2022	All Boroughs	All Cleveland	Adverse weather	Heatwave issued for England Amber in the Cleveland Area, call with partners ref impacts in health and fire risk etc. Supported public messaging / awareness,
09/05/2023	All Boroughs	Billingham, Norton, Middlesbrough	Flooding	Surface water flooding following thunderstorms – primary impact on highways including A19 at Billingham, Norton, A172 and A171
02/08/2023	Stockton-On-Tees	Port Clarence	Flooding	Flooding in Port Clarence (faulty flap valve) impacting community – coincided with high spring tides
05/08/2023	Redcar & Cleveland	Loftus and East Cleveland	Flooding	Flooding to Loftus, Carlin How and other areas of East Cleveland, intense rainfall leading to significant surface water.

EMERGENCY PLANNING JOINT COMMITTEE

26th September 2023



Report of: Chief Emergency Planning Officer / Local Resilience Forum Manager

Subject: LRF Capacity and Capability Funding

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

Non-key report

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To provide members of the Emergency Planning Joint Committee with an overview of the 2023 – 2024 LRF Capacity and Capability Funding from central government and how these funds are being utilised to aid the committee in their role of oversight.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Since 2021/22 HM Government has been providing additional funding for Local Resilience Forums in recognition of the increased expectation on the Forums highlighted from the original conception in 2004. For the year 2023 – 24 Cleveland's allocation has been confirmed as £202k. It is understood that funding will be made available again in 2024-25, however the figure for 24-25 is unconfirmed and after this point no decision has been communicated reference future funding.
- 3.2 The funding aims to strengthen the LRFs through a number of desired outcomes:
- Strengthen LRF coordination and secretariat capability.
 - Actively drive partnership activity:
 - identifying and learning lessons from major incidents and exercises.
 - secretariat and multi-agency training and exercising.
 - engaging local communities on national, local, and community resilience.
 - Strengthening the approach to local risk assessment and risk treatment

- Strengthen and continuously review systems for collecting, managing and using data, intelligence and information flows within LRFs and providing for two-way information flows between LRFs and Government.
- Develop, shape and/or continue initiatives that advance national priorities (DLUHC's programme for strengthening the roles and responsibilities of LRFs, and the UK Government Resilience Framework).

3.3 Staffing and overheads are the biggest cost allocated to the fund as reported in the finance report. In addition to the staffing funding is being applied to a range of projects as summarised in the table below.

Element	Status	Notes
Staffing	(Complete)	Staff now in role and undertaking duties, (Emergency Planning Assistant, LRF Support Officer, Community Resilience Officer, Industrial Emergency Planning Officer)
National Consortium for Societal Risk NCSR	(Complete)	Project and Network led by Manchester University to explore what whole society resilience is and how LRFs can support resilience building. Cleveland LRF is a core member and will be running some local workshops with the Consortium to develop and apply a strategy for the Cleveland area.
LRF technology – Activation / AV	(Complete)	Subscription renewed and system trialled twice as part of Ex Hydra – issues identified and progressed. System is live / populated with 24/7 contacts for key agencies. Use of system by a local authority for internal activation is now being considered.
Multi-agency training	(Complete)	Courses commissioned and subsidised on Intro to civil protection, Safety Advisory Group, Intro to Business Continuity, Tactical Crisis Management Training, Debrief training, emergencies on trial.
Satellite Communications	(Complete)	Two satellite communication devices purchased for use by partners, held at CEPU following identification of a lack of resilient communications.
LRF Peer review model	(Ongoing)	Consultant commissioned to apply coaching performance model (used by Mountain Rescue) to LRF context. Initial paper presented at December strategic board and supported, peer questions issued to LRF members, responses currently being collated.
NE work on BAU intelligence / threat assessment	(Ongoing)	Work commissioned by Durham LRF, ongoing development though user group – initial workshop held. Bid in reference potential application of satellite data and contacts established with several university's. Sandbox models developed – next step to develop scalable options.

Element	Status	Notes
Community grants	(Ongoing)	11 bids funded in the 2022-23 period and positive feedback (water rescue, community resilience (food security, PPE). A review of the scheme was undertaken and intent is to rerun in 2023-24 with an increased budget and greater promotion.
Research prevention	(Ongoing)	Initial bid developed reference prevention in line with the increasing question on the LRF role / remit and scope reference prevention. Intent to work with academia reference where the LRFs via the collective membership have a tangible / beneficial role / powers. Initial model being developed by Northumbria Uni with work due to start in full in October 2023.
Improved wifi / facilities at CEPU	(Ongoing)	Awaiting provision at CEPU, intent is to increase operational aspects for long running incidents and day to day use as a resilience hub by LRF partners.
Consistency between NE LRFs / common way of operating	(Ongoing)	Due to restructure and recruitment amongst partners the project is currently on hold. But work progressing in specific exploratory workshops to review any efficiencies of scale.
Community Risk Register	(ongoing)	Initial meetings held reference the redesign and alternative means of promoting the Community Risk Register and the different mediums by which key information and messages can be shared.
Participatory Mapping	(proposed)	As part of the community resilience strand intent is to look to develop a tool to bring communities and partners together to look at the resilience challenges and risks within their area and potential joint mitigation.
Capability analysis	(proposed)	As part of the risk assessment and common consequence assessment we anticipate that there will be a number of areas where additional funding may enable gaps in capacity to be addressed (for example provision of additional training, purchase of equipment etc).
Youth Community Safety Award	(proposed)	Potential reinvigoration of the Community Safety Award, a scheme operating successfully in a number of LRFs. The 3 staged award aims to provide youth groups with an off the shelf package which is age appropriate. Funding towards materials and train the trainer resources.

3.4 Oversight on all projects is provided to the LRF Strategic Board and quarterly returns provided to Cabinet Office, outlining the utilisation of the funding and any obstacles or issues identified.

- 3.5 In addition to the additional funding made available to each LRF, HM government is again running an innovation fund to enable new approaches to resilience to be trialled. The bidding window closes Friday the 10th November 2023. The focus for this year is business and there are 3 design challenges:
- **Design challenge 1:** Engage and inspire your local business community to help prevent, respond to and recover from emergencies that might affect them.
 - **Design challenge 2:** Implement community resilience plans in new and innovative ways, considering recent lessons learned, so that local businesses can more effectively support multi-agency responses when emergencies occur.
 - **Design challenge 3:** Empower local business to 'own' the resilience of their local area, becoming active members of the resilience community.
- 3.6 The CEPO is currently engaging with local and regional partners reference potential applications / areas of interest and will report back to a future meeting if a bid has been submitted.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The EPJC consider the projects presented and continue to receive updates on the utilisation of the funding.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Failure to effectively utilise the funding will compromise the argument for greater resource at a local level to support resilience. The projects often dependant on third parties to deliver and support from CEPU to the projects will be impacted in the event of a pro-longed major incident.

Given the unknowns reference future funding the LRF manager is keen to ensure that expectation amongst partners, members and communities is managed in the event of projects not being sustainable.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Appropriate and effective utilisation of the funding across a range of LRF activities as per standard council arrangements reference budget management and procurement.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The fund will used to support alignment to activities derived from the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS (IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM TO BE COMPLETED AS APPROPRIATE.)

There are no equality and diversity considerations relating to this report, individual projects are assessed / incorporate consideration of equality and diversity.

9. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

It is recognised that a number of staff are on fixed term contracts due to the nature of the funding and uncertainty reference future funding. This uncertainty increases the risk of staff changes and associated costs of recruitment and retraining.

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no asset management considerations relating to this report.

11. ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no Environmental, sustainability or climate change considerations relating to this report.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 The CEPO / LRF Manager continues to update the EPJC on the progress of the grant funded projects and provides an outline of proposed projects towards the end of this financial year for the coming years activities.
- 12.2 Members consider based on the criteria if there are any areas or priorities that they would like considered as part of the funding in addition to those outlined above.
- 12.3 Members advise on any thoughts reference the Innovation funding call relating to the role of business in resilience.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 To ensure Members are aware of the additional funding being made available to the LRF and its utilisation to support the strengthening of LRFs.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Local Resilience Forum Innovation Fund 2023 to 2024 Prospectus

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-resilience-forum-innovation-fund-2023-to-2024-prospectus>

UK Government Resilience Framework

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-government-resilience-framework>

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EMERGENCY PLANNING JOINT COMMITTEE

26 September 2023



Report of: Chief Emergency Planning Officer

Subject: Activities Report 30/06/2023 - 14/09/2023

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

Non Key .

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To assist members of the Emergency planning Joint (EPJC) in overseeing the performance and effectiveness of the Emergency Planning Unit and its value to the four unitary authorities.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As reported and presented at the meeting in March 2023 the Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit (CEPU) produces an annual action plan, approved by the EPJC identifying key areas of work to be undertaken in 2023-24 by CEPU.
- 3.2 A number of actions relate directly to the statutory functions placed upon the authorities by the relevant legislation (including the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations 2015, Radiation Emergency Preparedness Public Information Regulations 2019 and Pipeline Safety Regulations 1996).
- 3.3 Where non-statutory duties are included, they are based upon guidance, such as that associated with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and the good practice contained in the SOLACE guidance on emergencies¹ revised and re-issued 2018, whilst non-statutory they are critical to resilience.
- 3.4 A summary of progress made against the Unit's 2023/24 action plan and the 2023/24 LRF Action Plan is outlined below.

¹ SOLACE <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authorities-preparedness-for-civil-emergencies>

Status	CEPU Action Plan (Count)	Cleveland LRF Action Plan (Count)
Yet to start	138	121
In progress	37	50
Complete	37	12
Total	212	183

3.5 Significant pieces of work from the CEPU work plan completed in period include:

- Audit of borough emergency centres and equipment
- Review annual recharges to industry (COMAH)
- Review of CEPU website
- Test of multi-agency activation system
- Engagement with additional community groups
- Review of risk assessment process in light of NSRA 2022
- Shift exercise (REPIR)
- CATs Exercise (COMAH)

3.6 Additional Pieces of work by CEPU relating to local authorities in period not included within the annual plan include:

- Support for the planning, running and debriefing of the Tall Ships event
- Familiarisation of staff with Geographic Information Management Systems
- Initial incorporation of cell broadcast capabilities within the LRF
- Debriefing a range of incidents
- Scoping of officers competencies and training needs (Skills, knowledge and experience) and how these can be demonstrated
- Development and support for a number of regional workshops

3.7 Significant pieces of work undertaken as part of the Local Resilience Forum annual action Plan and completed in period include:

- Review of LRF Tactical Business Group and the support from CEPU officers to the LRF
- Developed and issued a peer review framework ahead of an independent peer review in November
- Facilitated the North East LRFs Training needs analysis and exercise bid process
- Reviewed / validated a range of plans including; Science Technical Advice Cell Plan, Cleveland Fuel Plan, LRF Handbook, Multi-Agency Incident Procedures Manual, Business Continuity A3 Sheet and Tidal Surge A3 Sheet.
- Community resilience workshop held in Redcar and Cleveland engaging diverse interests on the strength of communities and mutual support between communities and the LRF.

- Attendance at a number of national forums to aid development of policy on resilience as part of the Stronger LRFs programme / specific exercise outcomes.
 - Provision of training including:
 - Decision Loggist Training
 - Public safety at festivals and mass gatherings
- 3.8 Significant pieces of work undertaken in addition to the Local Resilience Forum annual action Plan completed in period include:
- Contribution to partners training including support for military, schools and fire brigade.
 - Support for the North East VIPER programme a Cabinet Office funded innovation project reference sharing information on vulnerabilities the household level
 - Provision of training including: MET Office, Defence contributions to resilience, safety at public events,
- 3.9 Staffing
- There have been no significant changes to staffing within the period. Staff continue to work hybrid with a mix of in person and working from home, supported by increased IT provision.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 That the Chief Emergency Planning Officer continues to provide quarterly updates and additional information as requested by EPJC members on the work undertaken by the Unit on behalf of the Local Authorities and the Local Resilience Forum.
- 4.2 Should members require further information on any element of the EPU work plan or LRF work plan or wish to discuss activities further please contact the Chief EPO.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Failure to understand the role and remit of the role of the Unit may result in a lack of preparedness or resilience within the authorities.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations relating to this report.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The key legislation is the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 which identifies the local authorities as a Category 1 responder, section 10 of the CCA 2004 identifies failure by a person or body identified within the legislation may bring proceedings in the High Court.

Further enforcement may take place in the event of failure to meet the duties identified under industrial legislation including the Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations (2015), Pipeline Safety Regulations 1996 and Radiation Emergency Preparedness Public Information Regulations 2019.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS (IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM TO BE COMPLETED AS APPROPRIATE.)

There are no equality and diversity considerations relating to this report.

9. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

There are no staff considerations relating to this report.

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no asset management considerations relating to this report.

11. ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no Environment, Sustainability or climate change considerations directly applicable to the content of this report.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 That members seek involvement and clarification on the CEPU Action Plan where appropriate.
- 12.2 That the CEPU continues to develop the CEPU Annual Action Plan and the EPJC standard report to provide assurance to EPJC members that the key considerations continue to be met and that members are updated at the quarterly EPJC meetings reference any amendments / additional actions.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 To ensure that members of the EPJC can effectively obtain assurance that the duties and expectations on the local authorities can be met in the event of an incident and that key elements are being delivered.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None presented.

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EMERGENCY PLANNING JOINT COMMITTEE

26 September 2023



Report of: Chief Emergency Planning Officer

Subject: Incidents Report 01/06/2023 – 31/08/2023

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

For information

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To assist members of the EPJC in overseeing the performance and effectiveness of the Emergency Planning Unit and its value to the four unitary authorities through provision of a list of incidents within the reporting period.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 CEPU provides both a 24 hour point of contact for partners requesting assistance, and for the provision of tactical advice to the four local authorities.
- 3.2 There are several mechanisms in place to ensure that CEPU are made aware of incidents both in and out of normal office hours. These include protocols with the emergency services and early warning systems with industry and agencies, for example warnings from the Met Office, Environment Agency and communications chains with local industry.
- 3.3 Appendix 1 lists the incidents that staff have been involved in or notified of.
- 3.4 A number of these incidents have been followed up with multi-agency debriefs the learning from which is shared with agencies and where appropriate actioned via the Local Resilience Forum / agencies internal procedures. On occasion lessons are shared nationally on the Joint Organisational Learning (JOL) platform.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Members familiarise themselves with the range of incidents that have occurred with a view to seeking additional detail / clarification if required.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Failure to respond appropriately may result in impacts on the social, economic and environmental welfare of the community.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial considerations relating to this report.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The key legislation is the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 which identifies the local authorities as a Category 1 responder, section 10 of the CCA 2004 identifies failure by a person or body identified within the legislation may bring proceedings in the High Court.
- 7.2 In addition a number of actions relate to the Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations 2015, Radiation Emergency Preparedness Public Information Regulations 2019 and Pipeline Safety Regulations 1996. All of the above place statutory duties upon the local authority, failure to provide to an adequate level resulting in possible enforcement.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS (IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM TO BE COMPLETED AS APPROPRIATE.)

There are no equality and diversity considerations relating to this report.

9. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

There are no staff considerations relating to this report.

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no asset management considerations relating to this report.

11. ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS

There are no Environmental, sustainability or climate change considerations relating to this report.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

That members consider the incidents listed and seek any additional information as required in their role of EPJC members.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To ensure that members of the EPJC can effectively obtain assurance that the duties and expectations on the local authorities can be met in the event of an incident.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None presented.

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Appendix 1 Incidents of note 1st June – 31st August 2023

Date	Borough	Location	Type of incident	Additional Information
21/06/2023	Redcar & Cleveland	Redcar beach	Unclassified	Boat on beach danger to shipping boat call from MCA danger when tide came in boat would re float and endanger shipping RNLI moved boat to slipway
25/06/2023	Nationwide	Nationwide	Technological failure	999 services lost / compromised as part of a national fault. Local arrangements put in place by services e.g. 101, 111. Disruption and impact on services.
02/08/2023	Stockton-On-Tees	Port Clarence	Flooding	Flooding in Port Clarence (faulty flap valve) coinciding with high spring tides.
03/08/2023	Stockton-On-Tees	Durham Lane	Chemical / Traffic	Gas pipeline ruptured by excavator carrying out roadworks. Traffic impact in immediate area. Line de-pressurised and repaired.
05/08/2023	Redcar & Cleveland	Loftus and East Cleveland	Flooding	Flooding to residential properties in Loftus, Carlin How and other areas of East Cleveland due to intense rainfall.
22/08/2023	Redcar & Cleveland	Former steelworks	UXO	Unexploded ordinance found during on going work at Tees works EOD dealt with incident.