

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL****Community Safety Committee****19 August 2015****Civil Contingencies  
Quarterly Update for the Period 1 April – 30 June 2015****Report by Depute Director (Environment)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide the Community Safety Committee with an update on issues relating to civil contingencies for the first quarter of 2015.

**1. EMERGENCY PLANNING / RESPONSE**

- 1.1 This report provides an update to the Committee on issues relating to civil contingencies for the first quarter of 2015.
- 1.2 Although there were no significant incidents requiring a multi-agency / cross service response during this reporting period, the recent flood events in Perthshire in July, notably in Alyth, did require a cross agency response. As the agencies concerned are, at the time of writing, still undertaking de-briefings it is proposed to provide an update on any relevant cross-agency issues to the next Committee meeting.
- 1.3 The Council Civil Contingencies Steering Group continues to meet quarterly to update on ongoing planning activities (last meeting 27 May 2015). These activities are being progressed through two work streams as follows:

**Support/Care for People**

- 1.4 This work-stream is led by Housing and Community Care and supported by the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager. It involves the development of the Council's Support for People Emergency Plan and addresses the most likely impacts on people during any emergency, which are:
  - People require to be moved to a place of safety.
  - People require support and assistance.
  - Vulnerable people may need particular support.
  - Family and friends affected by an incident require support, advice and information.
- 1.5 This plan helps to address these issues and links with our Council generic emergency plan and Tayside Local Resilience Partnership – Supporting Communities in Recovery Plan to ensure an effective multi agency approach is taken.

## Infrastructure/Environment

- 1.6 This work-stream is being co-ordinated by the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager due to the diverse nature of the plans being developed. These are:
- a. **Emergency Transport Plan:** This is led by the Environment Service and involves formalising arrangements to access transport resources during an emergency.
  - b. **Flooding Emergency Response Plan:** This is being led by the Environment Service Roads Maintenance Partnership. It is designed to ensure that contingency measures are in place for the co-ordination and flexible response to flooding incidents to mitigate the effects on people, property, infrastructure and the environment.
  - c. **Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Emergency Plan:** This is being led by the Environment Service and is designed to guide the Council response to, and recovery from, spills or discovery of oil or other HAZMAT within the Perth and Kinross Council boundaries. This includes the discovery, identification, notification, evaluation, and initiation of immediate and appropriate on-scene action for incidents including, but not limited to, the release of HAZMAT resulting from naturally occurring events, maritime incidents, industrial accident road traffic collisions, terrorism or illegal dumping of hazardous materials. Perth and Kinross Council retains the services of a specialist company who are available 365/7 to assist with responding to such incidents. Braemar Howells Ltd has earned a worldwide reputation for the quality and effectiveness of their response to environmental tasks. They will be called out and operate in accordance with their standard operating procedures supported by Perth and Kinross Council generic emergency management arrangements.

## 2. MULTI-AGENCY - COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

- 2.1 The Perth and Kinross multi-agency community resilience initiative, led by Perth and Kinross Council, won gold in the Securing the Future Awards Working with Communities category in 2015. Since then, progress has been made as follows:
- The nine communities with developed or developing community resilience plans continue to be supported. These are:
    - Aberfeldy
    - Bankfoot and Waterloo
    - Blair Atholl and Struan
    - Comrie and District
    - Glenfarg
    - Glen Lyon and Loch Tay
    - Kenmore and District
    - Pitlochry and Moulin
    - Stanley

- A new group has been added to the list. A community group in St Madoes (St Madoes and Kinfauns Parish Church) has started to develop a Community Emergency Plan.
- A multi-agency sub group has been formed which includes Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland to introduce a 'Place of Safety' scheme along the A9 to develop an overarching protocol/series of plans/additions to existing community emergency plans. These involve activation of community responders using pre-identified local premises to support emergency responders and users of the A9 during an incident or other significant disruption. As well as the communities on the A9 from the above list, the following communities will be approached:
  - Auchterarder and District
  - Ballinluig
  - Blackford
  - Braco and Greenloaning
  - Dunkeld and Birnam
  - Killiecrankie and Fincastle
  - Luncarty, Redgorton and Monevdie

### **3. MULTI-AGENCY – GENERAL**

3.1 Multi-Agency emergency planning activities continue at Regional Resilience Partnership (North of Scotland) and Local Resilience Partnership (Tayside) levels through workstreams and subgroups as follows:

- Training and Exercising
  - Volunteer engagement
  - Lessons identified
- Response
  - Public Communications
  - CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear)
  - Critical Infrastructure
  - Technical Communications
  - Rescue
- People
  - Public Health
  - Mass Fatalities
  - Mass Casualties
  - Animal Health
  - Community Support/Recovery
  - Community and Business Resilience
- Risk
  - National Risk Register

#### 4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Community Safety Committee is requested to:

- i) note progress on issues relating to Civil Contingency matters in the first quarter of 2015 as summarised within the report.
- ii) Agree that any relevant cross agency issues on recent flood events in Perthshire in July 2015 are provided to the next Committee meeting.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Yes / None</b>
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Plan	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Resource Implications</b>	
Financial	<b>None</b>
Workforce	<b>None</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>None</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<b>Yes</b>
Strategic Environmental Assessment	<b>None</b>
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	<b>None</b>
Legal and Governance	<b>None</b>
Risk	<b>None</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	
Internal	<b>None</b>
External	<b>None</b>
<b>Communication</b>	
Communications Plan	<b>None</b>

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership (CPP) brings together organisations to plan and deliver services for the people of Perth and Kinross. Together the CPP has developed the Perth and Kinross Community Plan which outlines the key things we think are important for Perth and Kinross:-

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for the future

- 1.2 It is considered that the updates contained within this report contribute to all five objectives.

#### Corporate Plan

- 1.3 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013-2018 outlines the same five Objectives as those detailed above in the Community Plan. These objectives provide a clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resource allocation. It is considered that the updates contained in the report contribute to all five objectives outlined in paragraph 1.1 above.

## **2. Resource Implications**

### Financial

- 2.1 There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

### Workforce

- 2.2 There are no direct workforce implications arising from the updates contained within this report.

### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 There are no land and property, or information technology implications arising from the contents of this report.

## **3. Assessments**

### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.
- 3.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- i) For the purpose of EqIA, the updates are assessed as equally applicable to all.

### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS). The updates have been considered under the Act and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

### Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.

- 3.5 The updates contained within the report are assessed to have no sustainability related impacts.

Legal and Governance

- 3.6 There are no specific legal and governance issues associated with the updates outlined within the report.

Risk

- 3.7 There are no specific risks associated with the updates outlined within the report.

**4. Consultation**

Internal

- 4.1 No internal services have been consulted.

External

- 4.2 No external agencies have been consulted.

**5. Communication**

- 5.1 The contents of the report will be communicated to the Council Civil Contingencies Steering Group and the multi-agency Local Resilience Partnership Community and Business Resilience Development Group.

**2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Not applicable.

**3 APPENDICES**

None

