

Report No.6

Report to Policy and Resources Committee 8th October 2013

Emergency Planning Policy (Community Safety Policy)

1. Purpose of the report

To request agreement by the Committee to a working party to draw up an Emergency Planning policy as part of an over all Community Safety policy for future approval by Full Council.

2. Background

Much good work has been achieved by the Flood Working Party of Planning and Environmental Issues Committee to produce the basis of an Emergency Plan, a Householders Guide and some flood prevention measures. This work was initially started in response to the floods in Malmesbury last November 2012. However, as yet our Council has not expressed this in terms of an over all strategic policy as part of a Community Safety Policy and therefore this has not yet informed the current work of the Working Party.

In particular, consideration should be given to

- a community risk register
- policy regarding aide to close small villages such as Brokenborough or Milbourne and also Burton Hill, which actually fall outside the Parish boundary, but rely on the Town for essential services and supplies.
- developing a strategic policy with neighbouring Parishes, which is considered essential given that the PCC and river sluice gate are located in St. Paul Malmesbury Without Malmesbury Without Parish.
- Consideration that budget should be set aside annually as an ongoing emergency contingency fund and to update equipment supplies (e.g. gel sacs) and the Emergency Plan and also future revision of the Householders Guide.

3. Proposal

To agree to the setting up of a working party to formulate an overall and strategic policy on an Emergency Planning as part of a Community Safety Policy for recommendation to full Council.

Our policies must be developed in conjunction with the Wiltshire Council and Government policy.

4. Financial implications and risks

Expenditure unlikely to arise from the work to formulate a policy. No other risks are foreseen.

5. Recommendations

Members are requested to agree the actions proposed.

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30th September 2013