
REPORT TO:	The Overview and Scrutiny Commission
DATE:	21 September 2009
DEPARTMENT:	Corporate Policy and Improvement
REPORTING OFFICER:	Scrutiny Officer (Mark Codman)
SUBJECT:	NORTH YORKSHIRE JOINT COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL FLOOD SCRUTINY GROUP
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
FORWARD PLAN REF:	N/A

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This enclosed North Yorkshire Joint County and District Council flood scrutiny group for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that the Commission:

- 1) Consider how successful joint working arrangements have been.
- 2) Consider the outcomes achieved.

Any recommendations can be shared with North Yorkshire County Council and other Districts if it is considered appropriate

3.0 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Joint County and District Council Flood Scrutiny Group was set up in Autumn 2008 with the objective of reviewing how prepared North Yorkshire is for flooding incidents, and to make recommendations regarding community resilience. This report is the outcome of the work undertaken.
- 3.2 The group was made up of six County Council elected members (three representatives from the Safe and Sustainable Overview and Scrutiny Committee and three

representatives from the Environment and Heritage Overview and Scrutiny Committee) and one elected member from each of the seven District and Borough Councils.

- 3.3 Councillor Grange was nominated as the Council's representative on this group and has reported back to Overview and Scrutiny on a regular basis as the review has progressed.
- 3.4 Roy Firth (Civil Contingencies and Resilience Officer) has also contributed to the review and will provide an overview of the review to the Commission at the meeting. He will also present a verbal update on community resilience in the Harrogate District.
- 3.5 The Commission can consider the review particularly how successful the joint working arrangements were and the outcomes achieved. Any recommendations can be shared with North Yorkshire County Council and other Districts if it is considered appropriate.

4.0 CONCLUSION/S

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Background Papers -

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SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT / POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

		Implications are		
		Positive	Neutral	Negative
A	Economy		✓	
B	Environment		✓	
C	Social Equity		✓	
i)	General			
ii)	Customer Care / People with Disabilities			
iii)	Health Implications			
D	Crime and Disorder Implications		✓	

If all comments lie within the shaded areas, the proposal is sustainable.