

# North Yorkshire County Council

## Richmond ACC

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### Update on Emergency Plans

#### Report of the Resilience and Emergencies Unit

<b>1.0 Purpose of Report</b>
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1.1 To update members on the emergency plans in place across the constituency area
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#### **2.0 Introduction**

2.1 The more engagement the Council invests with Local resilience Groups, the greater the 'buy-in' we have from the communities in developing their own emergency plans. Which will give local groups a better understanding of what can achieved before, during, and after an emergency. This, alongside regular training and exercising, will ensure community resilience in the time of any emergency incident assisting any Council led response.

#### **3.0 Consultation Undertaken and Responses**

3.1 North Yorkshire County Council in consulting with local communities in Low Row, Gunnerside, Grinton, Preston under Scar and Arkengarthdale; is in process of enabling each community to become more resilient by advising on the development of community-based emergency plans; that enables preparedness and response in times of severe incidents. Thus, giving more confidence to Community led volunteers, in the activation, co-ordination and execution of their respective plans.

#### **4.0 Impact on Other Services/Organisations**

4.1 Having community emergency plans allows communities to respond to an emergency, if safe to do so, assess the situation and to take action to provide residents with safety; allowing critical time for response; if Emergency Services / Agencies, are delayed in their response to more rural community areas.

#### **5.0 Risk Management Implications**

5.1 The planning and development process is used to identify potential risks and hazards to the community. The use of mitigation make these risks and hazards as low as practicable; ensuring a workable response framework

#### **6.0 Financial Implications**

6.1 Limited to approved grants, from various sources; for community emergency equipment

#### **7.0 Legal Implications**

7.1 The Council as a Category 1 responder, under provisions of the Civil Contingency Act 2004 has legal obligations to ensure its communities are supported and advised on local based issues directly affecting resilience and emergency preparedness.

**8.0 Human Resources Implications**

8.1 Community resilience groups are on a volunteer basis. No HR implications

<p><b>9.0 Recommendation(s)</b></p>
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<p>9.1 The Committee are asked to note the update</p>
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