

North Yorkshire Council

Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee

Response to questions asked at the 16 September 2024 meeting.

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This document provides an update to questions asked regarding a previous report which was received at the 16th September 2024 Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee

Questions

Members highlighted the following in relation to the report:-

2.1 Question

Some discrepancies within the report relating to which Electoral Division certain features were located and, therefore, had been assigned to the wrong Councillor for contact in emergency situations. In response it was agreed to do an enhanced review to ensure that the correct areas and Councillors were identified in respect of this.

Answer

- An updated table has been provided at Appendix A.
- There maybe additional questions around specific areas covered within an Environment Agency warning or a Community Emergency Plan.
- If Elected Members wish to discuss the detail within the table then I encourage them to liaise with NYC Resilience and Emergencies Officer Jason Wainwright.

2.2 Question

A Member emphasised the need to ensure that local communities were fully aware of what was required of them during emergency situations and it had to be ensured that appropriate plans and communications were in place, through appropriate engagement. In response it was stated that a group was in place for the local launch of Community Emergency Plans however knowledge of those Plans was imperative. Engagement continued to be sought to ensure that progress was been made.

Answer

- Since the September Area Committee, Resilience and Emergencies Officer Jason Wainwright has been engaging with a number of Parish and Town Councils as well as Community Anchor Organisations who have approached the Council.
- An email was sent to all Parish Councils on 2nd October updating on how to access sandbags in an emergency as well as encouraging those who had yet to develop a plan.
- The Community Emergency Plans are completely voluntary and are often only taken up by those locations who are regularly affected by incidents. With this in mind the Council is developing an updated Community Resilience Policy to identify how to liaise with existing networks and partnerships so that there are key links build up in areas without Community Emergency Plans. These will be discussed at three Community Events. The session that covers the west of North Yorkshire will take place on March 20th at Bedale Hall.
- NYC has also developed its process on how it liaises with all Parish and Town Councils as well as Community Anchor Organisations in preparation for more severe weather events.

2.3 Question

Concerns were raised regarding a serious incident that had occurred in a local community of which the local Councillor had not been made aware. The local press, Parish Council and residents were seeking assurance via the Member but there was no information to be provide. He suggested that a 24 hour, seven days a week contact point was required to address such situations and assist with communications. In response it was stated that whenever a serious incident took place Silver Command were always contactable with details of the duty officer available in the Members Handbook. It was also stated that the contact number can be utilised both ways with Members informing Silver Command of an incident they have become aware of, which would be of assistance to their response.

Answer

- Elected Members are able to contact the NYC Silver Commander via the Resilience and Emergencies Duty Officer 24/7. This number is within the Elected Members Handbook but is not publicly available.

2.4 Question

A Member expressed her disappointment that some Plans developed and under development were not detailed in Appendix B to the report, which provided information on Flood warning sign up and Emergency Plans within the Constituency area. She considered that the omission of this information from the report was a disincentive to the local communities that had no acknowledgement of the Plans they had developed and for those that were in the process developing Plans. She asked for this to be taken account of, going forward, with a better reflection of what is actually taking place. Other Members concurred with the issues raised and suggested that the appendix required an update. There was also a requirement for Members to be fully prepared through appropriate planning for emergency situations. In response it was stated that work was being undertaken alongside clusters of Parish and Town Councils to provide more resilience.

Answer

- An updates table has been provided and if Elected Members have questions regarding its detail or develop then I encourage them to liaise with Jason Wainwright.

2.5 Question

A Member requested a copy of the flood warning plan for Stokesley as he noted that some flooding situations had occurred with no warnings issued. In response it was noted that the warnings would be issued by the Environment Agency in terms of river flooding, but not for surface water flooding. A copy of the report would be provided to the Member.

Answer

The following links can be utilised by Elected Members, residents and business to track the local flood risk in Stokesley but also wider North Yorkshire

- [Live feed to current river levels Stokesley](#)

[Stokesley, Middlesbrough - Find river, sea, groundwater and rainfall levels - GOV.UK](#)

- [Live feed to current river levels to other locations North Yorkshire](#)

[North Yorkshire - Find river, sea, groundwater and rainfall levels - GOV.UK](#)

- [Check fluvial \(river\) flood zones in Stokesley and other locations in North Yorkshire](#)

[Flood map for planning - GOV.UK](#)

- [Check surface water mapping for Stokesley](#)

[Surface water map - Check your long term flood risk - GOV.UK](#)

- [Check surface water mapping for other areas of North Yorkshire](#)

[Where do you want to check? - Check your long term flood risk - GOV.UK](#)

Background Documents: None

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Flood warning sign up and Community Emergency Plans within Area Constituency Committee wards

Electoral_Div	Elected Member	Flood warning (FW) name	Properties in FW	% of residents signed up FW	Community Emergency Plan
Aiskew & Leeming	Councillor John Weighell	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	Leeming CEP update in progress
Bedale	Councillor David Webster	Bedale Beck at Bedale	81	70.4	Old plan, out of date. Update or re-write new plan for Bedale required.
Bedale	Councillor David Webster	River Swale at Howe village and by Skipton Bridge	14	64.3	Old plan, out of date. Update or re-write new plan for Bedale required.
Bedale	Councillor David Webster	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	No other plans to date, ongoing engagement required.
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	River Swale at Brompton-on-Swale	306	71.2	Old plan, out of date. Update or re-write new plan for Catterick Village required.
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	River Swale at Brompton-on-Swale caravan park and Brompton Lakes	4	50	Old plan, out of date. Update or re-write new plan for Catterick Village required.
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	River Swale at Catterick Bridge	10	30	Old plan, out of date. Update or re-write new plan for Catterick Village required.
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Brough Beck at Catterick - Swale Pasture Lane and Oran Lane	53	88.7	Old plan, out of date. Update or re-write new plan for Catterick Village required
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Brough Beck at Catterick - Low Green and the High Street	183	76.5	Old plan, out of date. Update or re-write new plan for Catterick Village required.
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Brough Beck at Catterick - Mowbray Road and Brough Meadows	333	81.1	Old plan, out of date. Update or re-write new plan for Catterick Village required.
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Brough Beck at Catterick - Kings Close and the High Street	61	77	Old plan, out of date. Update or re-write new plan for Catterick Village required.
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	No other plans to date, ongoing engagement required.
Great Ayton	Councillor Heather Moorhouse	River Leven at lower Great Ayton	TBC	TBC	No Plan, to date, ongoing work with CAO to rectify
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Great Ayton	Councillor Heather Moorhouse	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	No other plans to date, ongoing engagement required.
Hipswell & Colburn	Councillor Kevin Foster	River Swale at Richmond and Easby	34	76.5	No other plans to date, ongoing engagement required.
Hipswell & Colburn	Councillor Kevin Foster	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	No other plans to date, ongoing engagement required.
Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley	Councillor David Hugill	River Leven at Hutton Rudby	TBC	TBC	Old plan for Hutton Rudby, requires update.
Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley	Councillor David Hugill	River Leven at Stokesley	TBC	TBC	Stokesley plan in progress, Flood group formed, and working with RET/EA
Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley	Councillor David Hugill	River Leven at Lower Stokesley	TBC	TBC	Stokesley plan in progress, Flood group formed, and working with RET/EA
Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley	Councillor David Hugill	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	No other plans to date, ongoing engagement required.
Leyburn & Middleham	Councillor Karin Sedgwick	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	Middleham parish plan & Leyburn in progress, ongoing work with CAO and stronger communities' group.
Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske	Councillor Annabel Wilkinson	River Swale at Great Langton	45	88.9	No plan to date, ongoing engagement required.
Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske	Councillor Annabel Wilkinson	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	Kirkby Fleetham plan in progress
North Richmondshire	Councillor Angus Thompson	River Tees at Croft	TBC	TBC	Croft On Tees plan in progress
North Richmondshire	Councillor Angus Thompson	Gilling Beck at Gilling West	TBC	TBC	No plan to date, ongoing engagement required.
North Richmondshire	Councillor Angus Thompson	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	No other plans to date, ongoing engagement required.
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Brompton Beck at North of Station Road in Brompton	106	84.9	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Brompton Beck at South of Station Road in Brompton	270	64.1	Northallerton plan in progress

APPENDIX B

Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Willow Beck at Low Gates	11	18.2	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Turker Beck at Northallerton	308	78.9	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Willow Beck at Northallerton	60	45	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Confluence of Sun Beck and Turker Beck at Northallerton	TBC	TBC	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton South	Councillor Caroline Dickinson	Confluence of Sun Beck and Turker Beck at Northallerton	112	43.8	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton South	Councillor Caroline Dickinson	Sun Beck at Northallerton	251	79.3	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton South	Councillor Caroline Dickinson	Willow Beck at Northallerton			Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton South	Councillor Caroline Dickinson	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	Northallerton plan in progress
Richmond	Councillor Stuart Parsons	River Swale Caravan Parks at Richmond and properties at Lownthwaite Bridge	53	71.7	NYC RET to revisit now housing development complete.
Richmond	Councillor Stuart Parsons	River Swale at Richmond and Easby	TBC	TBC	Richmond town and City Response Plan.
Richmond	Councillor Stuart Parsons	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	Richmond town and City Response Plan.
Romanby	Councillor Peter Wilkinson	Willow Beck at Romanby	28	89.3	Part of Romanby plan
Romanby	Councillor Peter Wilkinson	Willow Beck at Water Treatment Works in Romanby	1	0	Part of Romanby plan
Romanby	Councillor Peter Wilkinson	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	Part of Romanby Plan
Scotton & Lower Wensleydale division	Councillor Tom Jones	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	Scotton Parish plan requires update. Patrick Brompton parish in progress
Stokesley	Councillor Bryn Griffiths	River Leven at Stokesley	TBC	TBC	Stokesley plan in progress, Flood group formed, and working with RET/EA
Stokesley	Councillor Bryn Griffiths	River Leven at Lower Stokesley	TBC	TBC	Stokesley plan in progress, Flood group formed, and working with RET/EA
Stokesley	Councillor Bryn Griffiths	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	No other plans to date, ongoing engagement required.
Upper Dales	Councillor Yvonne Peacock	River Swale Caravan Parks at Richmond and properties at Lownthwaite Bridge	67	80.6	Richmondshire flood plan
Upper Dales	Councillor Yvonne Peacock	Widdale Beck at Appersett	25	64	No plan to date, ongoing engagement required.
Upper Dales	Councillor Yvonne Peacock	Arkle Beck at Reeth and Low Fremington	56	67.9	Upper dales inc Swaledale locality, Arkengarthdale plan in final draft, not yet submitted to RET
Upper Dales	Councillor Yvonne Peacock	Other areas not affected by flood warning	TBC	TBC	Muker and Keld plan in progress.