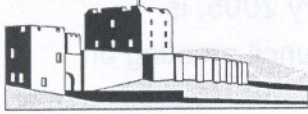


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# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## Committee Report

### Public

**Date of Meeting:** 3 FEBRUARY 2005

**Title:** CARLISLE FLOODING: RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE

**Report of:** ACTING TOWN CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**Report reference:** CE 02/05

### Summary:

This report updates Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee on the progress of the Recovery Plan. This report has been submitted to the Executive for its meeting of 1 February 2005 and the full Council on 10 February 2005. The report proposes a way forward for the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee and the three Overview & Scrutiny Committees to monitor the key areas of work which the emergency and recovery stages identified as needing attention over the coming months and in the case of some areas of work, will require a much longer monitoring period.

### Recommendations:

That the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee:

1. Note the Carlisle Flooding: Recovery Plan Update.
2. Comment upon the proposals to address the key areas of work identified by the City Council, as needing attention, both short, medium and long term, and the role of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A copy of the report to the Executive, for its meeting on 1 February 2005, is attached at Appendix 1. This will also be submitted to the full Council meeting on 10 February 2005.
- 1.2 Members will be aware that the work being undertaken is changing rapidly and a more up to date summary will be tabled for Members on 3 February 2005.

## 2.0 PROPOSALS FOR MONITORING THE KEY AREAS OF THE RECOVERY PLAN

2.1 A range of areas of work are currently being addressed by the City Council, the County Council and other agencies to enable Carlisle to recover fully from the aftermath of the flooding and storms. This work is being drawn together by the Carlisle Recovery Management Team, comprising the lead officers of individual Recovery Group and is chaired by the Acting Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

2.2 The Recovery Groups are addressing the following areas of work:

- Media
- Welfare co-ordination
- Housing / Homelessness
- Infrastructure
- Public Assets / Buildings
- Schools
- Business Infrastructure
- Finance

2.3 City Council elected Members are receiving briefings about this work and a cross party group is also being established to support the recovery programme. It is proposed that this will have a limited lifespan and could be disbanded when the proposal at 2.6 is established.

2.4 The Carlisle Recovery Management Team will be in existence until all the priority areas of work have been addressed or are well on their way to being addressed.

2.5 The Emergency Control Centre (ECC) will also be in existence during the same period but it is envisaged that it will stand down over the next few weeks, once its key supporting role of the recovery programme has been completed.

2.6 There are then significant areas of work that the City Council will need to address over a much longer period and will require the monitoring role of the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committees to be in place.

2.7 It is therefore proposed that the following areas of work are mentioned by the following Overview & Scrutiny Committees:

Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- Scrutiny of the Council's Emergency Plan
- Financial Implications

Infrastructure Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- Infrastructure, including Clean Up Operations
- Public Assets, including the Civic Centre

Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- Welfare issues
- Housing and Homelessness

2.8 Comments and advice from the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee on these proposals are welcomed.