

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

30 JUNE 2020

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES – COMMUNITIES

FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2010 - ANNUAL FLOOD INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. Purpose of Report.

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present for approval the Annual Flood Investigation Report 2019-20 in respect of the investigation and reporting of flooding incidents and for Cabinet to endorse the actions to ensure that the Council meets its duties under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA 2010) as set out in the report.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities.

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-

- **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** – taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
- **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's wellbeing-objectives.

3. Background.

3.1 The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA 2010) places a number of statutory duties on Local Authorities in their role as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).

3.2 On becoming aware of a flood in its area, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) as LLFA must, to the extent that it considers necessary, investigate which Risk Management Authorities (RMA) have relevant flood risk management functions and whether each of those RMA has exercised, or is proposing to exercise, those functions in response to the flood.

3.3 Where an authority carries out an investigation it must publish the results of its investigation and notify any relevant RMA.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 In compliance with Section 19 of the FWMA 2010 an Annual Flood Investigation report for 2019-2020 has been prepared and is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 There is no effect upon Policy Framework or Procedure Rules

6. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7.0 Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

- 7.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment Template has been completed and a summary of the implications from the assessment relating to the five ways of working is outlined below in respect of the proposed changes to the Shopmobility Scheme:

- **Long-term**

The report details investigations on flood events in the County Borough to be used in the review of flood risk for the authority.

- **Prevention**

The report details investigations on flood events in the County Borough and any potential reasons for the flood impact as well as proposed action in relation to proposed mitigation measures.

- **Integration**

Under Section 19(2) the Council liaises with the other Risk Management Authorities, in the course of investigations.

- **Collaboration**

The Risk Management Authorities in Wales are Natural Resources Wales (NRW), which has an oversight role for flooding from main rivers and the sea, Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water (DCWW) which has an oversight role for flooding from public sewers/water mains and BCBC, as LLFA, which has an oversight role for flooding from ordinary watercourses, surface water and groundwater.

- **Involvement**

In undertaking investigations Officers will discuss events with impacted persons to inform the consideration of causes and impact of flooding events.

8. Financial Implications.

- 8.1 The costs of investigation and reporting are met within existing Network Management budgets.

9. Recommendations.

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- Endorses the actions undertaken to ensure that BCBC meets its duties under the FWMA 2010 as set out in the Annual Flood Investigation Report 2019-2020.
- Approves the Annual Flood Investigation Report 2019-2020.

Zak Shell
HEAD OF OPERATIONS – COMMUNITY SERVICES
June 2020

Contact Officer: **Kevin Mulcahy**
Group Manager: Highways and Green Spaces

Telephone: (01656) 642535

E-mail: kevin.mulcahy@bridgend.gov.uk

Postal Address: Bridgend County Borough Council, Communities Directorate, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

Background documents:

Appendix 1