

Meeting of:	CABINET
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Report Title:	SECTION 19 REPORT FOR UNNAMED STORM OF 6TH AND 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES
Responsible Officer:	KEVIN MULCAHY - GROUP MANAGER HIGHWAYS & GREEN SPACES
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There is no effect upon the Council's Policy Framework and Procedure Rules as a result of this report.
Executive Summary:	The report informs Cabinet of the outcome of an investigation into the flooding experienced at a number of properties within the Bridgend County Borough as a consequence of an unnamed storm on 6th and 7th of September 2024.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the outcome of an investigation into the flooding experienced at a number of properties within the Bridgend County Borough as a consequence of an unnamed storm on 6th and 7th of September 2024.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 6th and 7th of September 2024, Bridgend County Borough was impacted by an extreme weather event. The Met Office did not designate the storm as a named storm.
- 2.2 The threshold recommended by Welsh Government (WG) in the National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management for investigations, as outlined in Section 19 of Flood and Water Management Act 2010, is where 20 or more properties are affected in one area.
- 2.3 The thresholds referred to above were not met in regard to required numbers of properties flooded. However, due to the extent and impact of the event in the Brackla, Bryntirion and Bridgend areas, the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) opted to

undertake a review of the events and produce a combined Section 19 report for the three locations which advises the investigations carried out and any subsequent actions associated with risk management authorities such as LLFA, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) and Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

- 2.4 It should be noted that all incidents for flooding are investigated by the Land Drainage and Coastal Management team, to identify the causes of the flooding. Additionally, contact is made with the relevant Flood Risk Management Partners should the identified cause of the flooding be with their asset.

3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 The flooding incidents/locations with the largest impact to properties were recorded at: -
- Caer Castell, Brackla – 10 Properties
 - Hafan-Y- Bryn, Bryntirion – 7 Properties
 - Greenfields Avenue/Park Court Road and Oaklands Close Bridgend – 11 properties
- 3.2 All the locations referred to within the report were not linked, other than through the storm event, and were not caused by the same asset issues. Consequently, they cannot be classed as a single flood event that meets the threshold for an individual Section 19 flood report.
- 3.3 Due to the number of incidents it was considered appropriate to complete a combined Section 19 report (attached as Appendix 1). The report outlines the results of investigations into the causes of the flooding at the identified locations and includes action plans and, if appropriate, interventions to mitigate against future flooding.
- 3.4 By way of update to the actions identified in the Section 19 report the following is advised:
- Caer Castell House, Brackla
 - Funding of £20,000 awarded by WG to BCBC in April 2025 for construction of a bund to mitigate potential overtopping of the watercourse.
 - Hafan Y Bryn, Oaklands Close, Western Court & Park Court Flats Greenfields Avenue and Park Court Road, Bryntirion
 - Flood Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Funding to investigate options for mitigation under one project - Nant Cefn Glas Flood Mitigation Study and funding has been approved up to £104,883 by Welsh Government in June 2025.

- 3.5 Further to the flooding of 6/7th September 2024, Bridgend County Borough experienced a further severe weather event overnight on 13/14th June 2025, that affected areas of Bridgend including Aberkenfig, Brackla, Bryntirion, Garth, Maesteg and Nantfyllon. Flooding occurred from all sources – main rivers, ordinary watercourses, drainage systems. Whilst this incident will be the subject of a separate investigation and Section 19 report it should be noted that this separate event impacted properties that had been subject to the weather event of September 2024, resulting in internal flooding of properties. For these recent events, consideration will be made on measures that may need to be actioned, such as hydraulic analysis and flood mitigation of the Brackla catchment and funding applications to Welsh Government.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh Language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

- 5.1 BCBC is committed to promoting sustainable development and to discharge its duties under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. A summary of relating to the five ways of working and how they connection to the Corporate Well-being Objectives is below:

- Long-term: To consider flooding events and seek long term interventions where appropriate.
- Prevention: To inform where appropriate measures could be considered in mitigating future events
- Integration: The investigation seeks to mitigate future flooding and economic impacts
- Collaboration: Working with other responsible parties as advised in as outlined in Flood Water management Act.
- Involvement: Engaging with communities in flood events to understand the circumstances that may have led to the flooding event

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 6.1 There are no climate change or nature implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from the report, the actions identified in the action plan will be completed using existing resources.

8.2 Funding bids have been made and accepted by Welsh Government to investigate potential options to mitigate flood risk in the area and introduce mitigation measures

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9. Recommendation

9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet notes the Section 19 report attached as Appendix 1.

Background documents:

None