



Report to Cabinet

Subject **Flooding Incidents Friday 22nd June 2007 to Tue 26th June 2007.**

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1. Purpose of the Report

To advise the Cabinet of the circumstances surrounding the recent flooding.

2. Background

From Wednesday 20th June to Monday 25th June a series of weather fronts crossed the Midlands bringing with them Heavy and prolonged periods of rain. The Met office have indicated that up to 50mm of rain fell in an hour. On Friday alone some areas received the equivalent of the average rainfall for June in one day.

In the Gedling Borough Council area the rain was predominantly centred over the rural areas to the North and east of the district.

3. Results

The worst affected areas were Burton Joyce, Lambley and Woodborough, where the watercourses that run through the villages quickly became overwhelmed by the water running off the ground above the villages and burst their banks. This resulted in the main roads through the villages' becoming impassable and flooding of numerous properties occurred.

Properties around the villages also suffered with problems of over land flooding from adjacent fields.

On Monday, Linby and parts of Calverton and Bestwood village were similarly affected although on a smaller scale.

Flooding in Calverton was due to the Main Street highway drainage, which was unable to cope with the volumes of water. Again, properties around the edge of the village were affected by small watercourses bursting their banks and surface water run off from the adjacent fields.

Bestwood village was cut off for a while by flooded roads, as were some parts around Ravenshead and some flooding to gardens also occurred around Vale Road area of Colwick.

As the ground was now saturated each subsequent band of rain quickly caused the watercourses to overflow giving rise to some properties being flooded on three occasions.

It is not yet known how many properties have suffered internal flooding.

4. Response

Calls for assistance started to be received around 3 am on Friday and continued until around 9pm. Working in partnership with the County Council's highways section, sand bags were delivered to the worst affected areas. Over the early part of the weekend we started to clean up the debris and replace sand bag stock levels. Sunday's early showers were replaced by heavy rain from late evening and from 3.00am on Monday further requests for assistance and sand bags were being received. Throughout the day, staff from the PASC section worked tirelessly helping those in need. The last sand bags were delivered at 9.00 pm.

Over the period Direct service personnel have responded quickly to support the emergency services, and Notts County Council as well as providing sand bags to the public in accordance with our own policies.

We have supplied **over 8,000 sand bags**, to around 500 properties. In the process we used over 50 tonnes of sand in this operation.

From Tuesday, Direct Services employees have also been heavily involved in the clearing up process including the sweeping and washing down of affected areas.

Throughout the period we received a high volume of calls from members of the public and staff were redeployed to assist as soon as practicable.

Our ability to supply sand bags was hampered by road closures and backed up traffic, with vehicles having to take long detours around the villages to get to the other side of flooded roads. At the height of the flooding problem, unfortunately we were unable to reach some properties due to the flooding being too deep for our vehicles and these properties were dealt with by the emergency services.

Many compliments have been received for our efforts from the public.

5. Current Position

The level of stock of sand bags has been replenished. Watercourse levels are slowly reducing and the cleansing of the debris is almost completed.

6. Financial Implications

The financial impact of these works will be reported in the next quartile budget monitoring report to Cabinet.

7. Recommendations

That Members note the content of this report.