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**REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 19 JANUARY 2022**

**SUBJECT: STORM ARWEN DEBRIEF**

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND FINANCE)**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Council of a recommendation from the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee that the Council seek a report on the Council's response to Storm Arwen.
- 1.2 The report is submitted to Council in terms of Section III (B) (41) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to review of Council wide policy, strategies priorities and objectives in relation to cross cutting issues.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Council consider the recommendation from the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee that a review of how the Council responded to Storm Arwen be undertaken and if so minded, that the review is undertaken as detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 On the 7 December 2021 the Economic and Infrastructure Services (ED&IS) Committee approved the notice of motion as detailed in **Appendix 1** and agreed to recommend to Moray Council that a report is requested on the Council's response to Storm Arwen (para 5 of the draft minute refers).

**4. REPORT**

- 4.1 At the meeting of the ED&IS Committee the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services advised that it was normal practice for the Local Resilience Partnership (LRP) to carry out a lessons learnt review following on from major incidents, following which the Council would then carry out its own review. He further advised that a date for the review by the LRP had yet to be confirmed.

- 4.2 Should the Council be minded to agree that a review of how it responded to Storm Arwen be undertaken it is suggested that this be carried out as follows:
- (i) The review will be undertaken at 2 levels. An internal, review within the Council and Health and Social Care Partnership and the other level will be the review to be carried out by Grampian Local Resilience Partnership.
  - (ii) Both reviews will look at what went well and what areas could be improved upon. The output of these exercises will be presented to a future Council meeting.
- 4.3 It is expected that the LRP review/debrief will be completed by the end of January 2022 and that the internal review will be completed by mid February with a composite report finalised by the end of February 2022. The findings will be reported to the next available Moray Council meeting after that and before local government elections in May 2022.

## **5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))**

The Council aims to be a resource-efficient, carbon-neutral council that works with partners to mitigate the worst effects of climate change.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

The Council is required to respond to an emergency in accordance with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2005.

**(c) Financial implications**

None.

**(d) Risk Implications**

The purpose of a review is to recognise good practice and learn lessons where things could have been done better.

**(e) Staffing Implications**

None.

**(f) Property**

None.

**(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**

An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the report is to seek a further report.

**(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts**

None.

**(i) Consultations**

Depute Chief Executive (Economy Environment & Finance), Chief Financial Officer, Legal Services Manager and Democratic Services Manager have been consulted and their comments incorporated in the report.

**6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 In light of the impact of Storm Arwen and on those affected by storm damage, the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee recommended that the Council seek a report on the Council's response. The Council is asked to consider the recommendation and if minded to agree, consider how such a review be undertaken.**

Author of Report: Head of Environmental and Commercial Services

Background Papers: Appendix 1

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