



**To;** Facilities, Environment and Local Economy

**Date;** 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Report submitted by;** Cllr Emma Monkman

**Approval**

Just to note.

**Purpose of the Report**

To update on recent activities.

**Background Information**

In 2019 when we joined the Council a list of “outside bodies” was put to us and Cllr Ben Bellamy and I agreed to undertake the roles of Flood Reps. We have remained in these positions since then.

However, it became obvious during the November 2019 flood event that these roles were not sufficient, alone, to support and prepare our Town and its residents during, and before, flood events.

I consulted widely with other flood groups throughout Derbyshire and created the Belper Flood Watch Scheme in 2021 (Minute 4873, TC meeting 14/9/21 Resolved Approved the Flood Watch scheme. Clerk to look at insurance implications. Cllr Monkman to develop the Flood Plan and co-ordinate activities).

Since then I have recruited wardens, secured a grant for equipment, linked in with other agencies to generate training opportunities and regularly communicated the activities of the Belper Flood Watch Scheme.

The Flood Plan continues to be developed. I requested a Position Statement from the Environment Agency (Bakewell have one) and they continue to stall on this. The Plan will remain a live document, as each flood event we learn more and more data is added.

I am in the process of meeting with neighbouring Parish and Town Councils to discuss our work and seek opportunities to work together.

I am meeting with DWT to discuss natural solutions to alleviate flooding.

**Legislation**

N/A

**Accessibility Implications**

I seek to ensure our activities are accessible and inclusive.

**Climate Emergency Implications**

This work will not accelerate our changing climate.

It is needed as a response to it, not a cause of it.

**Financial Implications**

N/A



<b>Recommendation(s)</b> N/A
<b>Reasons for recommendation(s)</b> Update only