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<b>Meeting</b> <b>Full Council 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2021</b>
<b>For Approval</b>
<b>1.0 Purpose of the Report</b> To formerly adopt, by resolution, Belper Town Council Flood Watch Scheme.
<b>2.0 Background Information</b> I have been working towards developing a Flood Watch Scheme of Councillors and members of the public with a view to working in the community pre, during and post a flood event. Should this be successful I would then seek permissions for our Town Clerk to speak with our current insurance provider to ascertain insurance provision for our flood related activities. These would, of course, be predetermined and on the basis that the flood wardens have received training which I have recently obtained access to.
<b>Legislation</b> I am unaware of any relevant legislation.
<b>Accessibility Implications</b> I will ensure that the training, both external and internal, is accessible.
<b>Climate Emergency Implications</b> Flooding is the most likely extreme weather event that climate change will have on a river town like ours (and drought a close second). As we have seen 2 significant river breaches in recent years the creation of this group, and subsequent Flood Plan for the Town, is long overdue. There are minimal climate emergency implications of developing this group but many if we don't.
<b>Financial Implications</b> Negligible. I will develop the Flood Plan and as Lead Warden will manage and coordinate activities. Other Councils I have spoken to have their activities covered by their current insurance provider at no extra cost – but we will only know this when we investigate further.



**Recommendation(s)**

I recommend that we formally adopt the Belper Town Council Flood Watch Scheme and ask our Clerk to ensure insurance provision is in place.

**Reasons for recommendation(s)**

In order to register our scheme with relevant bodies (Communities Prepared, EA, DCC) it is advisable that our scheme is fully endorsed by the Council and insured.

Once done I can connect with the agencies who will offer assistance, support, training and opportunities to work with other registered schemes. I will then be in a position to complete the Flood Plan, secure training and resources and develop my Flood Forum initiative.