

**Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore,  
Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection**

Report to:	<b>Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>13 July 2016</b>
Subject:	<b>Update on Lincolnshire County Council Co-ordination of Spontaneous Volunteers Policy and Procedure (Civil Emergencies)</b>

**Summary:**

This is a further update on the Lincolnshire County Council Co-ordination of Spontaneous Volunteers Policy and Procedure that was presented to the Committee on the 13th April 2016.

**Actions Required:**

The Committee is invited to consider the revised Co-ordination of Spontaneous Volunteers Policy and Procedure (Civil Emergencies).

### 1. Background

The Lincolnshire County Council Co-ordination of Spontaneous Volunteers Policy and Procedure was presented to the Committee on the 13th April. It was agreed that a follow up to the policy would be provided for the committee to give an overview of the progress made.

### 2. Conclusion

After consultation with the committee on the 13<sup>th</sup> April the policy has been amended to reflect the committee's comments;

- The title of the document has been clarified and now states "*in civil emergencies*".
- Section 17 has been amended to add '*Elected members to be briefed on the co-ordination arrangements*'.
- Pre identified suitable tasks identified include assistance in interpreting/ translation (not medical interpretation).
- Safeguarding advice has been sought from LCC safeguarding officers.
- Disclaimer statement 'when and to whom the policy will apply' is covered in the aim on page 6.

- Policy was amended on the 21<sup>st</sup> April after change of LCC insurance provider. Training was delivered on the 19<sup>th</sup> May to the Public Health Communities and Commissioning team who will be Volunteer Co-ordinators and further training is proposed with the British Red Cross for supporting roles.

Manchester University is holding a workshop on Tuesday 14 June about Spontaneous Volunteers and LCC is attending.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June the Cabinet Office issued the first draft of National Guidance for Planning the Involvement of Spontaneous Volunteers in Emergencies. Nick Brown Recovery Work stream Manager at the Cabinet Office and author of the guidance has acknowledged that; *“most if not all of the information has been taken from either the Somerset or Lincolnshire guidance. This is simply because that I firmly believe that the plans and guidance that they have produced are first class and do the job – there is no point in re-inventing the wheel”*.

They plan to publish the National Guidance in September.

### 3. Consultation

#### a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

### 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	LCC Co-ordination of Spontaneous Volunteers in Civil Emergencies Policy and Procedure Version 7 (2016)

### 5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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