

Regulatory and Other Committee

Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director of Resources and Community Safety

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date:	24 June 2013
Subject:	Combined Business Continuity Management and Emergency Response and Recovery Assurance Report

Summary:

The aim of this report is to provide Audit Committee with an insight on the assurances received from the Council's critical services and support systems with regards to Business Continuity Management and Emergency response and recovery.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee:

1. Note the current status with the combined assurance report.
2. Provide feedback on any changes it may wish for future reports.

Background

This is the first Combined Business Continuity Management and Emergency Response and Recovery assurance report.

We have co-ordinated the assurance information from management, Corporate functions and external audit to show what assurances the Council currently has for its most critical services and systems.

Attached in Appendix A is the detailed report for consideration by the committee.

The report covers:

- **Business Continuity Management arrangements** - are suitable arrangements in place to ensure the most critical services can continue to function at an acceptable level during an emergency or other incident or disruption affecting only the Council.

- **Emergency Planning and preparedness** - that the Council and its key services are prepared and able to respond to and recover from emergencies affecting the wider communities of Lincolnshire.

Conclusion

Overall, the resilience of the Council's critical services continues to improve through the development and improvement of their Business Continuity arrangements. A programme of exercising and review is on-going to ensure these arrangements are fit for purpose and meet business needs.

Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Combined Business Continuity Management and Emergency Response and Recovery Assurance Report

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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