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**Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee**

A meeting of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 8 November 2022 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL** for the transaction of the business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'DBarnes'.

Debbie Barnes OBE  
Chief Executive

**Membership of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee**  
**(11 Members of the Council)**

Councillors N H Pepper (Chairman), A N Stokes (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Brockway, M R Clarke, Mrs N F Clarke, A Dani, W H Gray, A M Key, J L King, K E Lee and E J Sneath



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TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES  
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**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR N H PEPPER (CHAIRMAN)**

Councillors A N Stokes (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Brockway, A Dani, W H Gray, K E Lee, E J Sneath and N Sear.

Councillors: Mrs P A Bradwell OBE, R D Butroid, L A Cawrey, A P Maughan, S P Roe and Mrs S Woolley attended the meeting as observers.

Officers in attendance:-

Sara Barry (Acting Assistant Director - Public Protection), Mark Baxter (Chief Fire Officer), James Chapple (Head of Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Services), Kiara Chatziioannou (Scrutiny Officer), Katrina Cope (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Glen Garrod (Executive Director - Adult Care and Community Wellbeing), Will Mason (Head of Culture), Emma Milligan (Trading Standards Operational Delivery Manager), Martyn Parker (Assistant Director Public Protection), Dave Pennington (Head of Property Development), Lee Sirdifield (Assistant Director – Corporate), Paul Smith (Acting Senior Coroner), Ryan Stacey (Assistant Chief Fire Officer), Neal Kathel (Property Team Leader, Property Development), Nicholas Matthews (Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Education Supervisor) and Kathryn Smith (Stay Safe Coordinator).

Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director Communities attended the meeting remotely, via Teams.

**Minutes Silence**

The Chairman in his introductory address invited the Committee to observe a two minute silence as a mark of respect to the recent passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

**20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M R Clarke, N F Clarke, A M Key and J L King.

It was noted that the Chief Executive, having received notice under Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, had appointed Councillor Noi Sear to replace Councillor Mrs N F Clarke, for this meeting only.

It was noted further that Councillor J L King would be observing the meeting remotely, via Teams.

21 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of members interest were made at this stage of the proceedings.

22 MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2022

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 19 July 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

23 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND CHIEF  
OFFICERS

The Committee observed a one minute silence as a mark of respect to the recent passing of former County Councillor Mrs A M Newton MBE.

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee extended thanks to Sara Barry, Head of Safer Communities for all her support to the Committee and wished her well in her retirement and for the future.

The Committee noted that the Safer Communities service was currently undergoing a process of re-organisation, which was currently at the consultation stage. It was highlighted that the intention was to remove the role of a single Head of Service, and replace it with two Heads of Service, one within Trading Standards and one within Community Safety.

The Chairman also reminded the members of the forthcoming visit by the Committee to the County Emergency Planning Centre on Friday 30 September 2022.

No Executive Councillor Announcements were received.

The Assistant Director Communities advised that a successful screening of the Queen's funeral had taken place at the castle, to which over 1000 residents had attended. The Committee noted that the whole event had been incredibly moving, respectful and had reflected the historic occasion.

24 LINCOLNSHIRE CORONERS SERVICE UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered a report from Paul Smith, Senior Coroner for Lincolnshire, which provided an annual report on the Lincolnshire Coroners Service as required by HM Chief Coroner for England and Wales.

In guiding the Committee through the report, reference was made to the challenges and achievements during 2021, details of which were shown on pages 24 to 26 of the report.

It was noted that the Coroner Transformation Project had concluded in the summer and that many positive developments had resulted from it, which had included the identification of a permanent office and Court facility, improved methods of working across the County, a new electronic referral system, and improved communication with other stakeholders.

The Committee was advised that the merger of the Lincolnshire Coroner's Service with North Lincolnshire and Grimsby to create a Greater Lincolnshire Coroner Service was still awaiting a decision by the Lord Chancellor. It was highlighted that no timeframe had been given for a decision.

It was also highlighted that retirement of the Acting Senior Coroner for North Lincolnshire had resulted in extra workload being put on the Senior Coroner. It was noted that the current situation was one which could not continue indefinitely, as it was likely to generate delays in listing of more complex cases, particularly in North Lincs, which was unfair on the bereaved.

In conclusion, it was highlighted that despite its challenges the service had received positive feedback from families they had supported in finding closure of the sudden death of a loved one and it was hoped that the service would be moving forward with renewed optimism in the future

During consideration of the report, the Committee expressed concern to the time the merger of the Lincolnshire Coroner's Service with North Lincolnshire and Grimsby to create a Greater Lincolnshire Coroner was taking; and to the impact that was having on the service, with reference being made to the impact on the Senior Coroner. Reassurance was given that everything that could be done had been done and that the matter was still with the Lord Chancellor's Office.

The Committee also enquired about officer cover across the County. The Committee was advised that there were a number of officers based in Lincoln and Boston who dealt with matters which were not in-quest bound cases and were likely to be natural deaths, but enquiries might need to be made. In relation to cases that went to inquest, there was a dedicated inquest team based was based at Mile Cross, Lincoln, who provided cover across the County if required.

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee extended thanks to the presenter.

#### RESOLVED

1. That the progress and performance of the Lincolnshire Coroners Service as detailed in the annual report presented be received.

2. That a further progress report be received in 12 months' time.

25 SERVICE LEVEL PERFORMANCE REPORTING AGAINST THE SUCCESS FRAMEWORK  
2022-2023 - QUARTER 1

The Committee considered a report from Martyn Parker, Assistant Director – Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director – Communities, Lee Sirdified, Assistant Director Corporate, Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer and Steven Batchelor. Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, which set out the performance of the Tier 2 Service Level Performance Measures for 2022/2023 – Quarter 1 that were within the remit of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Ryan Stacey, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Will Mason, Head of Culture and Nicholas Matthews, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Education Supervisor were also in attendance for this item.

During consideration of the report, some of the following comments were raised:

- Appreciation was extended to the fire service for their work during the very hot summer relating to the dangers of fires, with reference being made to fires on farms. The Committee noted that Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue (LFR) had been working with the National Farmers Union (NFU) for several years regarding farm fires. It was highlighted that this year, the service had implemented an initiative that involved having couplings available on farms that could be used by LFR in the event of a fire, this initiative enabled fire appliances to be able to connect to the water supply straight away;
- The importance of having libraries for communities, despite secondhand books being more readily available; and the importance of their role as community hubs and the positive impacts for residents; and the provision of warm rooms throughout the winter. It was highlighted that all libraries and heritage sites provided venues for communities to use, and that this would be continuing and would be monitored to see if the demand increased throughout the winter period;
- Thanks were extended to staff based at Lincoln Castle for all their hard work;
- One member enquired whether figures were available to show the number of books being taken, as opposed to the number of visits to a library. A request was also made for information regarding the category of library users. Officers confirmed that they were happy to provide this additional information;
- The shortage of volunteers and whether there was any link to employment opportunities. The Committee noted that there were some volunteering pathways that were intended purely to help people get back into employment. It was highlighted that the intention was to give people work experience, gain confidence, and then progress into employment. Officers advised that information about the success of the programme could be made available to members of the Committee;
- Further clarity was sought regarding efficient driving methods. Officers agreed to look into publishing further guidance information;



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- Thanks were extended to members of the LFR for keeping the residents of Lincolnshire safe;
- One member highlighted the problems Boston were having with the river Witham and sought advice as to who contact to resolve the situation. As the particular issue did not fall under the remit of the Public Protection and Communities Committee, the Chairman agreed to speak to the Chairman of the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee;
- Clarity was sought regarding page 34 of the report as to whether reported domestic abuse had also increased in line with the amount of people supported. It was reported that the number of victims had been consistent and that the service was getting better at referring. In conclusion, the Committee was advised that the service was supporting more victims but was not receiving any more reports;
- Some concern was raised to the number of deliberate fires, and whether any analysis had been done to highlight any trends. The Committee was reminded that it had been a very hot summer and there had been several deliberate grass fires which had caused a spike in the figures. It was noted that Quarters 1 and 2 were always busier than other times of the year. Confirmation was given that there was no strong correlation to any particular age group;
- An explanation was given pertaining to the 15-day response time to Planning Applications; and
- One member enquired whether the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership was on target to seeing a 20% reduction over 10 years. As this information was not on hand at the meeting, officers agreed to investigate the request. It was highlighted that to get figures down there was always more that could be done and that education, awareness was of the part of process in changing behaviours.

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee extended his thanks to presenters.

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee records its satisfaction with the performance achieved in Quarter 1 and that the comments raised by the Committee be taken into consideration by relevant officers and Portfolio Holders.

**26      LINCOLNSHIRE REGISTRATION AND CELEBRATORY SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee considered a report from James Chapple, Head of Registration, which provided an update on the service delivered by the Registration and Celebratory Service.

It was highlighted that the Registration and Celebratory Service had faced a busy and challenging year. It was reported that throughout the year the service had responded rapidly to each government announcement; and that registration staff had exercised their duty professionally and had gone above and beyond to help customers throughout the year.

In guiding the Committee through the report reference was made to:

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- death registrations;
- birth registrations;
- Marriages, Civil Partnerships & Citizens Ceremonies;
- The introduction of a new registration system, which allowed residents to book their birth, death or notice of marriage or civil partnership online, via the Councils' website. Fuller details of the system were shown on page 73 of the report;
- Legislative changes, the Committee noted that the proposals outlined by the government would bring about the largest changes to Civil Registration since it had begun in 1837; and
- Next steps for the service.

In conclusion, it was noted that despite the challenges, the Registration and Celebratory Service had continued to deliver registration appointments throughout the year, meeting the new levels of demand and clearing pandemic backlogs. It was noted further that the service was committed to delivering digital improvements and improving accessibility for residents; and continued planning for future legislative changes.

During consideration of the item, the Committee was advised that the governing body for Civil Registration was collaborating with the Department for Digital, Culture Media & Sports to pass a Bill later in 2023 that would permanently enable families to be able to continue to registering births and deaths over the phone (as was done during Covid), or face to face.

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee extended his thanks to the presenter.

**RESOLVED**

That the report on the Lincolnshire Registration and Celebratory Services as presented be received.

**27 TRADING STANDARDS, IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK**

Consideration was given to a report from Mark Keal, Trading Standards Manager, which provided a review of the delivery of Trading Standards in Lincolnshire for the year 2021/2022.

The Chairman invited Emma Milligan, Trading Standards Operational Manager, to present the report to the Committee. In guiding the Committee through the report, some slides were presented which provided a summary of the service.

Reference was made to:

- The background to the Trading Standards Service, reference was made to the Authority's statutory responsibilities to deliver consumer protection for the residents of Lincolnshire, and the Acts of Parliament and regulations the service had to adhere to;

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- The make-up of the Trading Standards team. It was reported that the service was delivered by 33 full time staff, 28.24 of which were operational staff;
- The number of business premises inspected (526);
- Animal health matters. Reference was made to the Avian Flu outbreak that affected 15 premises in the County, which had impacted emergency response. It was also highlighted that the team was also working towards tackling the top offenders around Bovine Tuberculosis testing, whilst raising awareness and campaigning with farmers;
- Tackling determinants and preventing harm stopping fraudulent, illegal and unfair trading. The Committee was advised that several prosecutions had been brought by Trading Standards for offences relating to the supply of illicit tobacco, which had resulted in a total of nine defendants having been sentenced; Operation Rogue Trader Week; the removal of counterfeit goods, it was noted that 21,312 counterfeit items had been removed from the marketplace in 2021/22; and partnership working with Lincolnshire Police to support Operation Vigilance;
- Tackling Detriment and Preventing Harm – Supporting Victims of Scams and Fraud. It was reported that the service had supported 388 victims of scams and fraud during 2021/21;
- In-house media support in getting consumer empowerment messages out via Facebook and Twitter;
- Supporting the local economy, by providing business advice on an ad hoc basis and through a detailed advice service bespoke to each business;
- Promoting health and wellbeing, which included promoting food labelling for allergens; removal of unsafe or no-compliant products from the marketplace. It was reported that 9,960 unsafe or non-compliant products had been removed from the marketplace;
- Developing officers, details of the achievement of staff were shown on page 82 of the report; and
- Managing intelligence and data.

In conclusion, the Committee was advised that the Trading Standards Service had implemented measures to ensure that resources were deployed effectively to meet the demands of Lincolnshire residents, businesses, and partners and to meet the training and development needs of the service.

During consideration of this item. Some of the following comments were raised:

- The shortage of vets in the south of the county and whether this was impacting on the service. Clarification was given that the service used qualified vets and at times the service had struggled;
- Thanks were extended to the Trading Standards services for all the work they were doing;
- Some concern was express to paragraph 3.3, which advised that the service had been successful in prosecuting an individual who sold cigarettes to an underage volunteer. Reassurance was sought as to the safety of the underage volunteer. The Committee

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was advised that any such action would have parental consent, would be risk assessed beforehand and assistance sought from Lincolnshire Police;

- That fines imposed at paragraph 3.2 were not a deterrent. The Committee noted that it was up to the court to decide on the penalties imposed; and
- An explanation was given as to what action would be done if a premises was found to be non-compliant. The Committee noted that the service supported businesses to make sure they were doing things right.

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee extended his thanks to the presenter.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Trading Standards Impact and Outcomes Framework report presented be received as an accurate snapshot of the achievements of Trading Standards for 2021/22 in supporting businesses and promoting health and wellbeing.
2. That the comments raised by the Committee be taken into consideration by officers and relevant Portfolio Holders.

**28 PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK  
PROGRAMME**

The Chairman invited Kiara Chatziioannou, Scrutiny Officer, to present the report, which invited the Committee to review the work programme as detailed on pages 88 to 90 of the report pack and to highlight any additional scrutiny activity to be included for consideration in the work programme.

Attached at Appendix A to the report was an extract of the Executive Forward Plan, which provided details of decisions relating to the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

During consideration of this item, the Chief Fire Officer highlighted for the 8 November 2022 meeting, that the item concerning Progress on Response to Inspection Outcomes from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services would need to be moved forward to the 13 December 2022 meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That the work programme presented be received subject to the item 'Progress on Response to Inspection Outcomes from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services' being moved forward to 13 December 2022 meeting.

The meeting of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee ended at 11.44am.

29      STAY SAFE PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL UPDATE

**SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to a report from Kathryn Smith, Stay Safe Coordinator, which provided the Committee with an update of the Stay Safe Partnership Project.

In guiding the Committee through the report, reference was made to:

- The background to the Stay Safe Partnership Project. It was noted that the project was aimed at ensuring that every secondary school aged child in Lincolnshire received preventative education to enable them to make informed decision and keep them safe. It was highlighted that as the need to engage with a younger audience on relevant safety issues had become apparent, age-appropriate online resources and workshops had been developed for primary school children and teachers;
- The make-up of the Stay Safe Partnership and the offer available to schools, details of which were shown on pages 94 to 96 of the report pack;
- Programme Development. It was noted that for prevention to have an impact, a key ambition of the Stay Safe Partnership was to extend its reach to all primary age children. It was highlighted that the partnership had made some progress in realising its ambition during the year. Details of which were shown on pages 96 to 97 of the report pack;
- Impact and effectiveness of the project. Details of student and teacher feedback from the 2020/21 academic year were shown on pages 98 and 99 of the report pack;
- Future development opportunities. The Committee was advised that the Stay Safe Partnership continued to evolve to meet the demand, especially the need to offer preventative messaging at an earlier age. It was noted that expanding the curriculum within primary schools would ensure there was a programme of prevention interventions that followed student from Year 2 through to college.

In conclusion, the Committee noted that the Stay Safe Partnership had established itself as a primary deliverer of safety messages to children and young people and was a trusted source of preventative education for schools and academies in the county. It was noted that future investment and growth would ensure the partnership expanded to meet demand, as well as develop evidence led targeted response to address safety concerns.

During consideration of this item, the Committee raised some of the following points:

- Confirmation was given that the offer was made to all secondary schools, which included independent schools;
- Areas of pupil's concern as detailed on page 99 of the report pack;
- The Committee noted that the number of sessions had increased, particularly domestic abuse; and

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- Home Office Bid. Confirmation was given that the Home Office Bid had not been successful; and that the partnership was now looking to deliver the service in a different way.

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The Chairman on behalf of the Committee extended his thanks to the presenter

RESOLVED

That the Stay Safe Annual Update report as presented be received.

30 SERIOUS VIOLENCE IN LINCOLNSHIRE - A PARTNERSHIP RESPONSE

Consideration was given to a report from Sara Barry, Head of Safer Communities, which provided the Committee with the opportunity to consider serious violence in Lincolnshire and the partnership response to the expected new statutory duty for County Councils and other public bodies being brought in by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

The Chairman invited Martyn Parker, Assistant Director for Public Protection, to present the item to the Committee.

The Assistant Director for Public Protection extended his thanks to Sara Barry for all her work and support and extended his best wishes to her in her retirement. This message was echoed by all members of the Committee.

The Committee was advised of the background to the introduction of a new serious duty (the Duty) on public bodies to ensure relevant services worked together to share data and knowledge and to allow them to target interventions to prevent serious violence altogether. Details of the duty were shown on pages 103 and 104 of the report pack.

It was reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Lincolnshire had set out a priority to establish a Violence Reduction Programme, with a £3m commitment. It was noted that work was currently ongoing with the Councils Public Health Service to develop a public health approach to violence reduction in Lincolnshire via a needs assessment, following which a strategy would be developed based upon local intelligence and evidence of 'what works' to prevent and tackle serious crime. Details of the strategic needs assessment were shown on page 106 of the report pack.

The Committee noted that following the publication of the Strategic Needs Assessment in April 2022, and the adoption of the Serious Violence as part of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership, a Core Priority Group had been formed.

The Committee was advised, that since the publication of the agenda for the meeting, there had been additional collaborative arrangements made in that Councillor Patricia Bradwell OBE, Executive Councillor for Children's Services, Community Safety and Procurement would lead in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and would

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co-chair the Serious Violence Core Priority Group with the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Phil Clark.

In conclusion, it was highlighted that working jointly with the PCC, Lincolnshire partners had been able to analyse serious violence in Lincolnshire and have mechanisms in place ahead of the expected statutory duty. It was noted that the next part of the exercise would be the development of the strategy to address any issues currently not addresses elsewhere in the partnership landscape.

During consideration of this item, reference was made to the availability of data on violence being more readily available from health services, police and other routine sources. It was highlighted that improvements to data sharing were required which would then result in a more effective targeted use of resources

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee extended his thanks to the presenter.

RESOLVED

That the Serious Violence in Lincolnshire – A Partnership Response report presented be received; and that the proposal to respond to the expected statutory duty by addressing it through an expanded Safer Lincolnshire Partnership framework be endorsed.

31      CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

RESOLVED

That in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that if they were present, they could be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

32      GRANTHAM FIRE STATION REFURBISHMENT

The Committee considered an exempt report from Dave Pennington, Head of Property, which provided details in relation to the Grantham Fire Station refurbishment.

After consideration of the exempt report.

RESOLVED

1. That the Committee unanimously supported the recommendations set out on page 112 of the Exempt Executive Councillors Report.

2. That the comments of the Committee from the exempt discussion be passed on to the Executive Councillors, to facilitate their decision-making taking place between 26 and 30 September 2022.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm





**Open Report on behalf of Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service**

Report to:	<b>Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>08 November 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>FRS Attendance at Flooding Incidents – Annual Report on Performance</b>

**Summary:**

This report presents to the Scrutiny Committee an update on the flooding incidents that Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue (LFR) has attended since 2017, to enable Members to be aware of the risk in Lincolnshire.

This report only focuses on the demand placed on LFR operational response and does not highlight the areas that Local Lead Flood Authority are committed to for preventative measures and response activities.

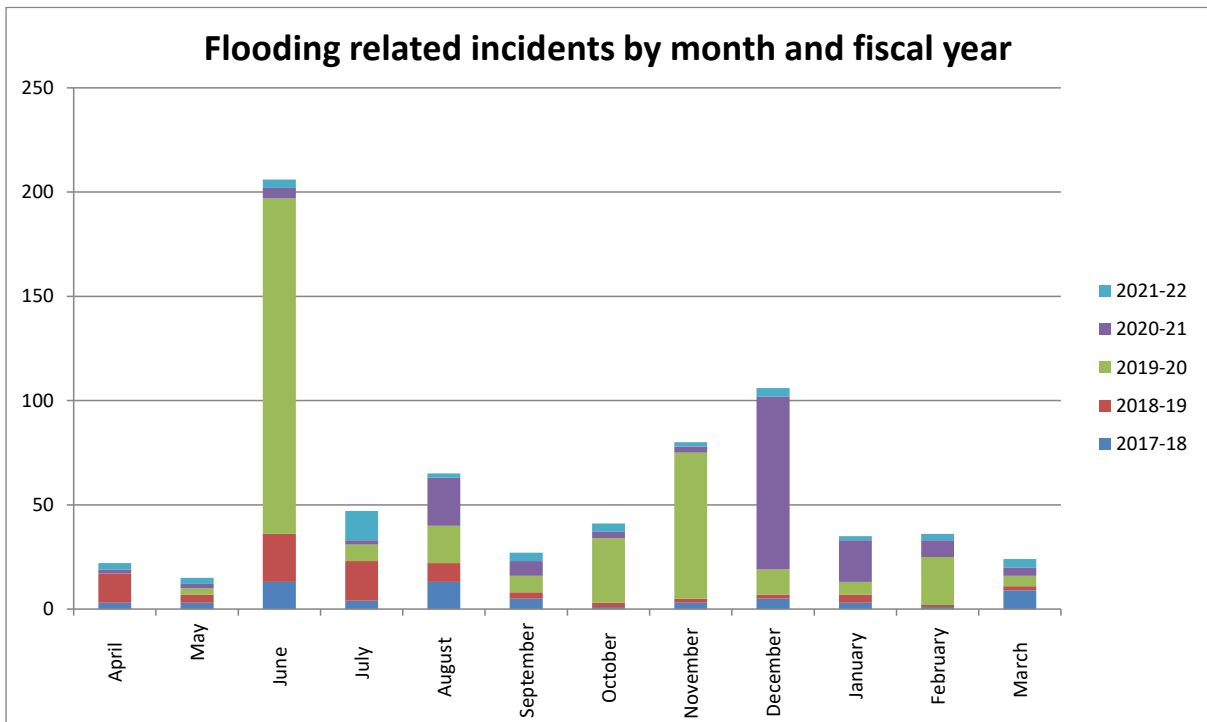
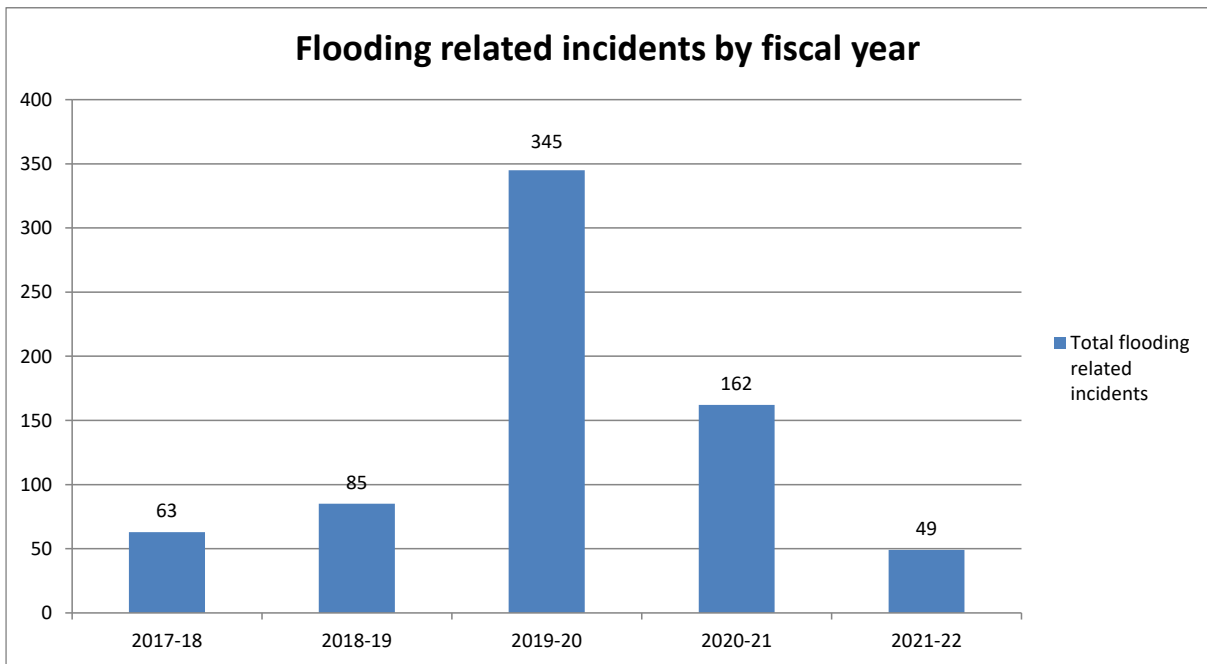
**Actions Required:**

Members of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider the contents of this report, and comment on the Fire Service's approach to supporting the local communities.

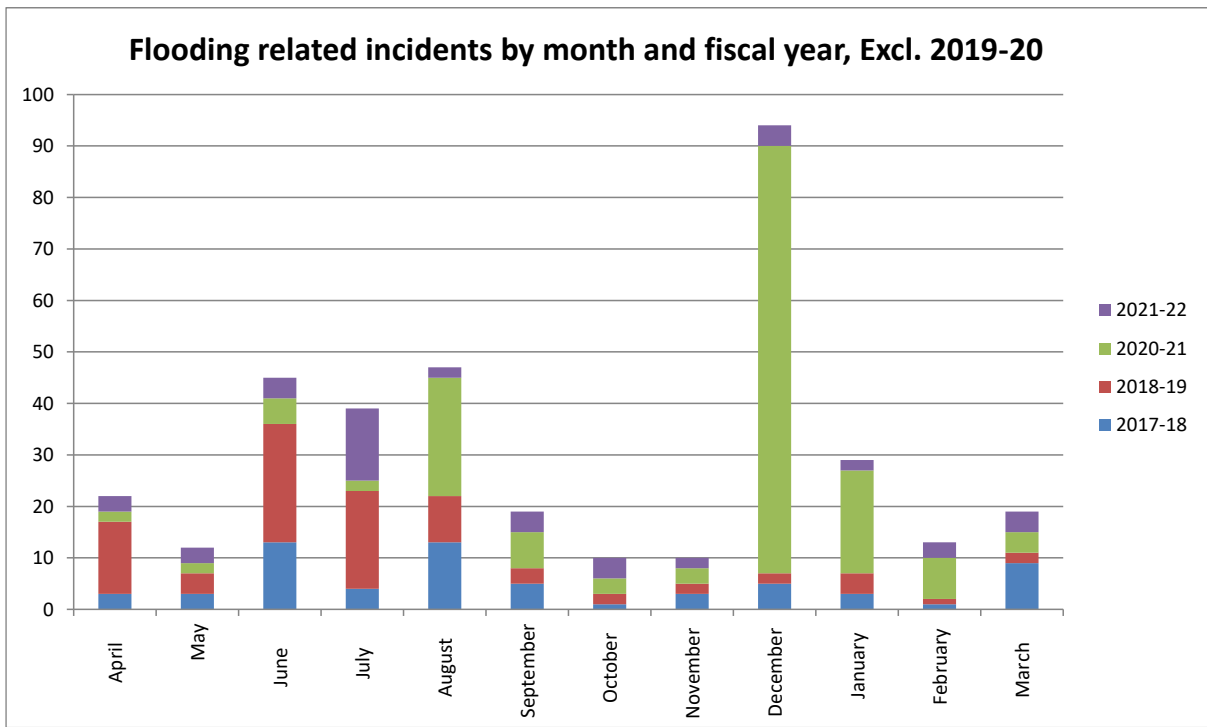
**1. Flooding Analysis 2017/18 – 2021/22**

The number of flooding related incidents, with the exception of 2019-20, has been relatively constant, with numbers of incidents fluctuating between 49 and 162, and with an average of 90 per year (over those 4 comparable years).

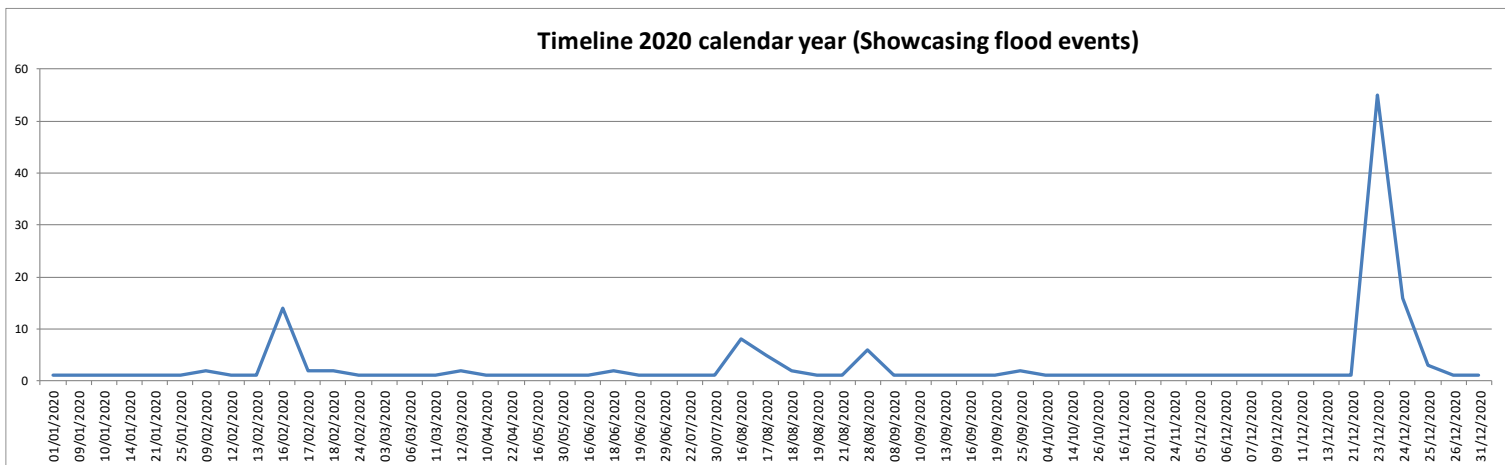
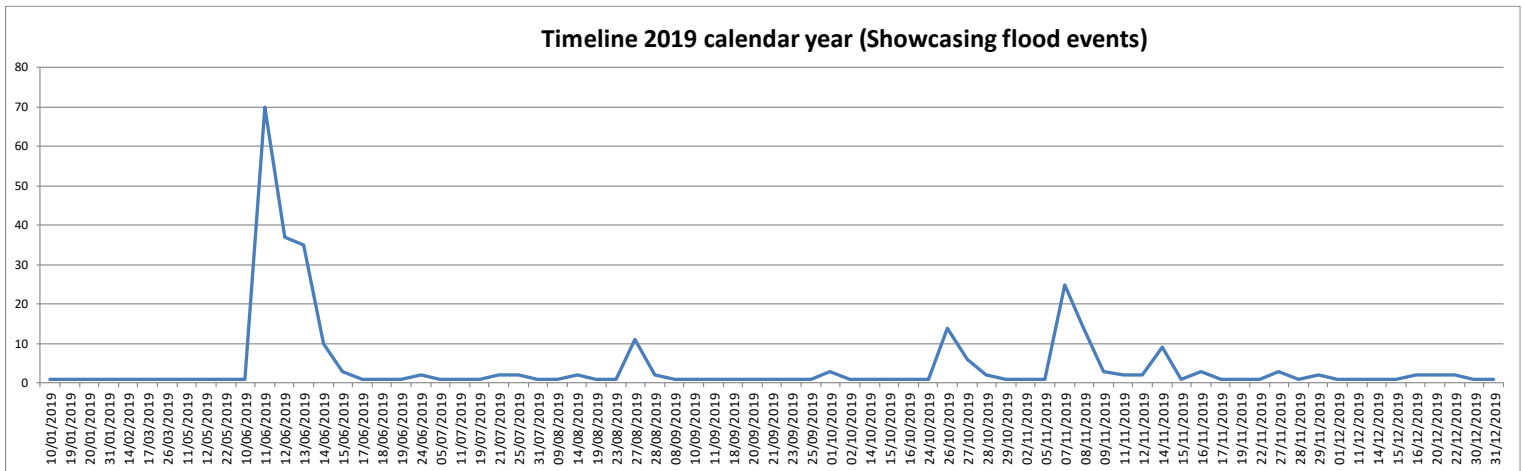
The weather events of June 2019 resulting in the Wainfleet flooding event far surpassed the average. In December 2020, 83 flooding related incidents occurred, with 71 of those being within a 24-hour period on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> December, this was again weather related. Without that particular flooding event then the number of incidents for the 2020-21 year would be approximately 80 which is more closely aligned to the averages of the 4 years, not including the 2019-20 year. The following charts demonstrate the difference over the years, and the particular months of activity.



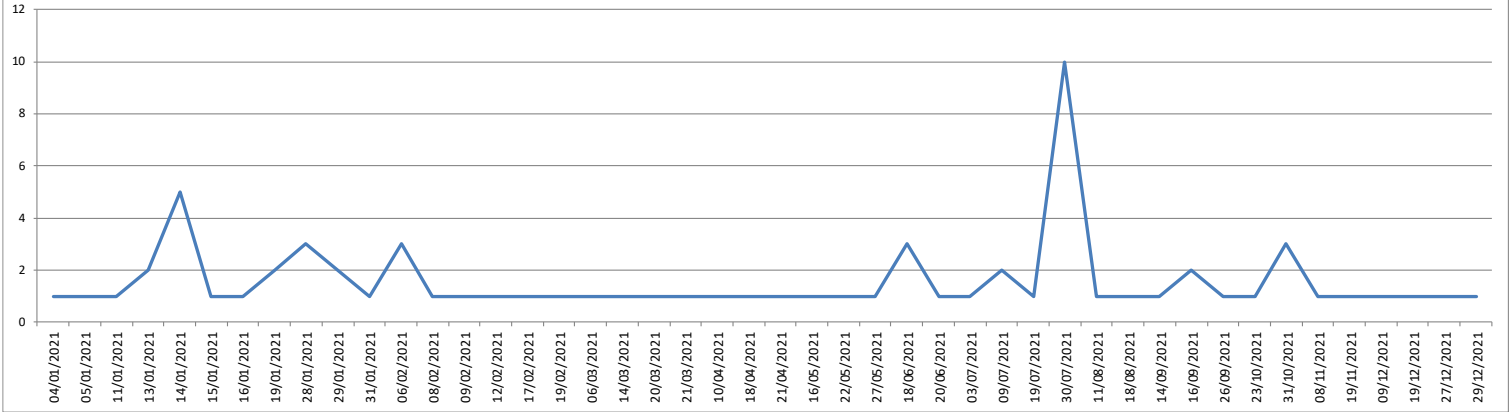
Notably mid-summer months and mid-winter months are the consistent months where calls to flooding occur. The following chart has taken out the 2019-20 data, as we know this was an unusual year, to ensure this trend is not overtly influenced.



The following line charts demonstrate the timeline of flooding events over the 2019, 2020 and 2021 calendar years.

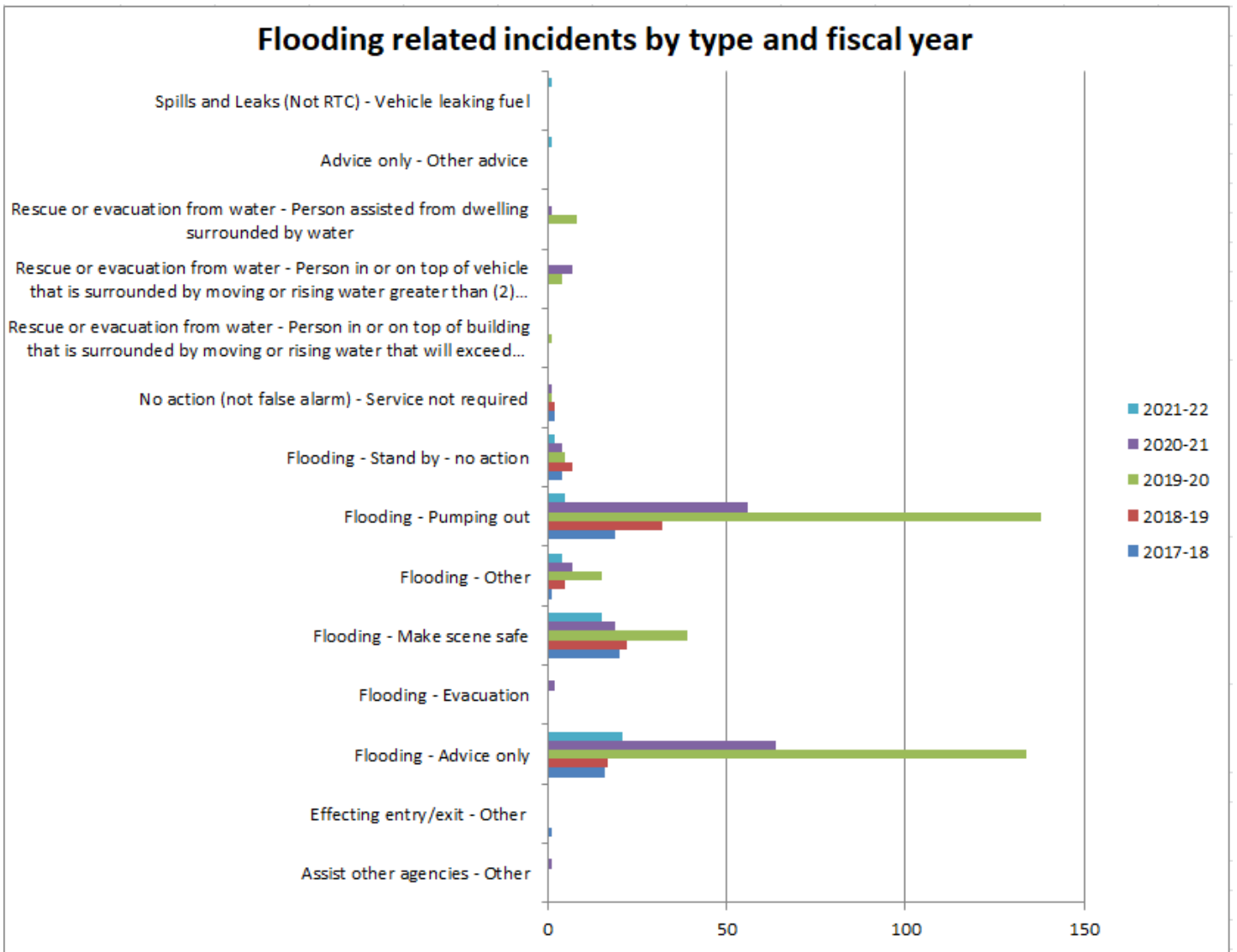


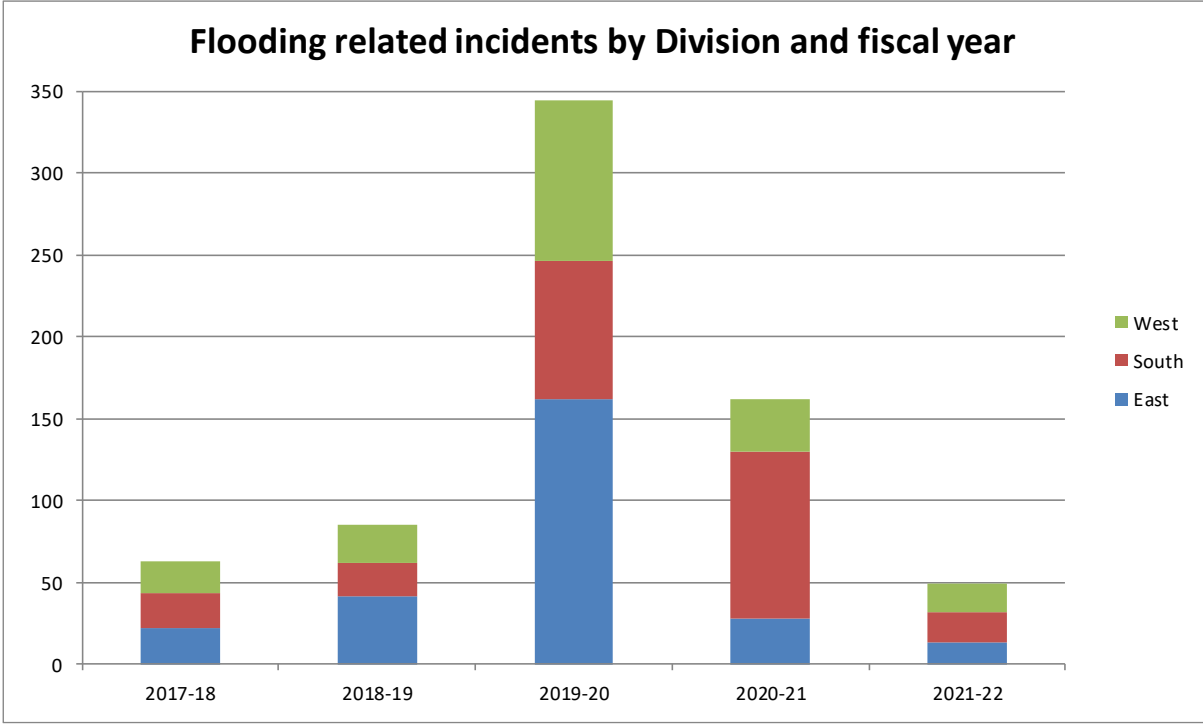
Timeline 2021 calendar year (Showcasing flood events)



Type of flooding incidents, by the outcome of the incident is shown below.

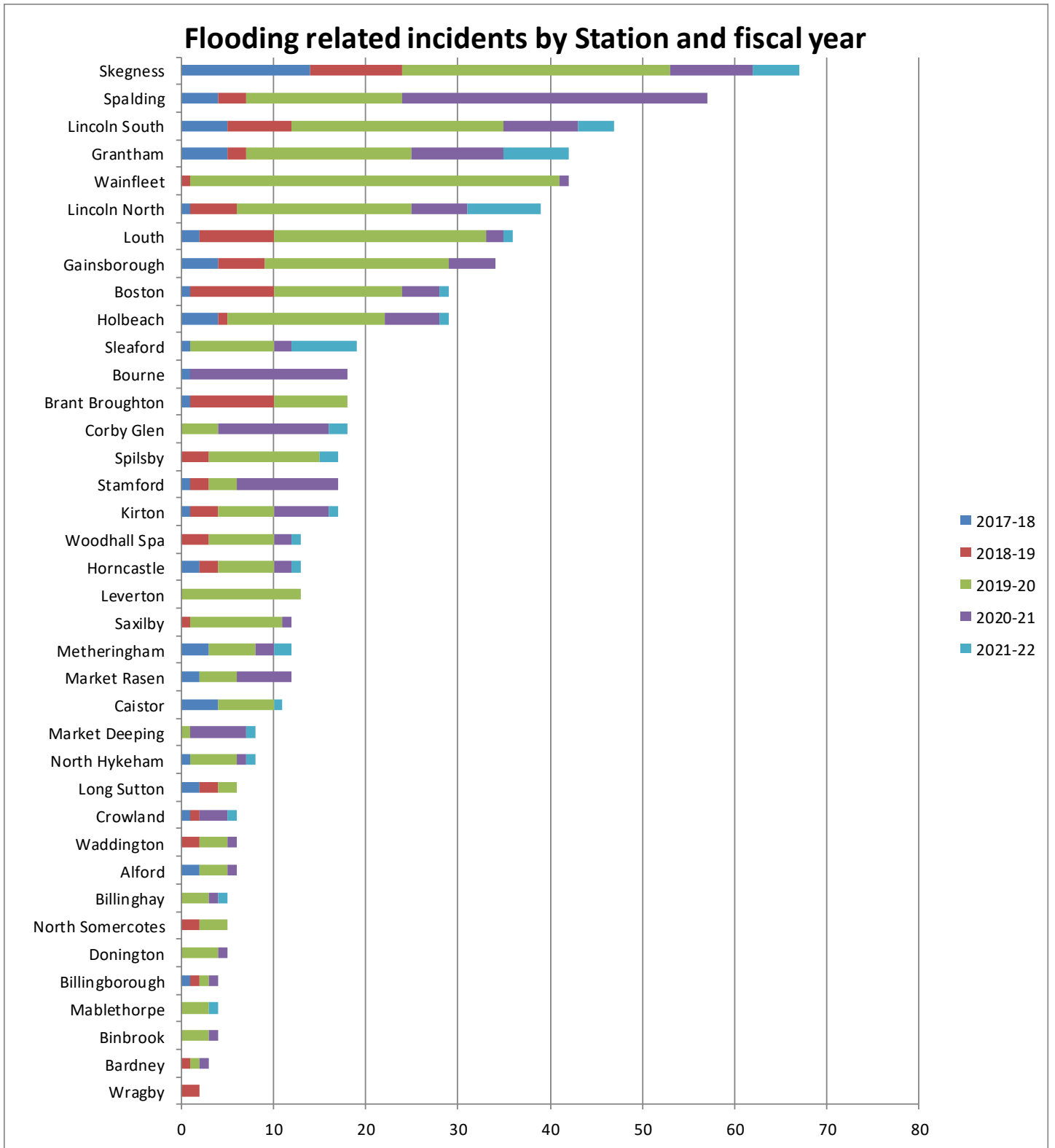
Flooding related incidents by type and fiscal year





Number of incidents by LFR station ground, sorted descending shown below.

**Note:** 8 of the 9 wholtime (WT) stations have the most demand in terms of flooding incidents in their area. The exception is the inclusion of Wainfleet. Sleaford is the remaining WT station that does not feature in the most demand areas.



Appliance mobilisations to flooding incidents can be seen below. Please note that not all incidents will be attended by an appliance or specialist resources; a number will be attended solely by an officer which can be evidenced in the chart giving the breakdown of incidents by the outcome. These would be included in any of the types which include: *No action* (not false alarm), *Flooding – Standby no action*, or *Flooding – advice only*.

Resource Type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Grand Total
Car + Boat				5		5
FloodPump			13	8		21
Pump	43	65	447	201	32	788
USAR				1		1
Rescue support unit			5	3		8
High volume pump		1	4	4		9
Water carrier			5	1		6
Technical rescue unit (Incl. boat)			22	16		38
Welfare unit			1			1
Command support unit				1		1
High volume hose layer				3		3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>881</b>

## 2. Conclusion

This report highlights the continued commitment Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue has, to responding to flood related incidents. It shows that the demand on Fire and Rescue is still present and requires the appropriate skills and equipment to support Lincolnshire County Council is mitigating the risks to our communities.

It is recognised that preparedness for significant flooding events is vital to ensure Fire and Rescue, alongside all partner agencies, have the ability to respond to ‘high demand’ events. It is not possible to predict when these events will occur, but there is relative confidence that they will continue.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

## 4. 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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## Open Report on behalf of Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer

Report to:	<b>Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>08 November 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincolnshire Crewing Arrangements consultation outcome</b>

### Summary:

Following presentation to the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee in July 2022, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue entered a consultation with its operational wholetime staff at Boston, Gainsborough, Grantham, Lincoln North, Louth, Skegness, Sleaford and Spalding fire stations to propose a change to their contractual arrangements. Whilst the majority of the changes were purely contractual and didn't impact their ways of working and there was one change at Sleaford which identified a more efficient method of delivery.

At the meeting in July the committee were asked to consider the report and members of the committee to make comments on the proposals, which would be considered by the Executive Councillor for Fire and Rescue and Cultural Services prior to consultation with the workforce. The Committee requested that the consultation period be extended from 30 days due to it being over the month of August and engagement with Sleaford Town Council to be completed so that they were aware of the proposed changes.

This report describes and informs the committee of the outcomes of the consultation.

### Actions Required:

Members of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider the contents of this report, and comment on the proposed changes, all of which have been considered by the Executive Councillor for Fire and Rescue and Cultural Services prior to decision being made to implement the proposed changes.

## 1. Background

### a. Consultation Actions

The consultation period launched on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and closed on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. During the consultation period the following engagement sessions were completed:

- 29 July 2022 – Session held at Sleaford Fire station and via TEAMS
- 15 August 2022 – Session held at Lincoln North Fire station and via TEAMS
- 17 August 2022 – Attended Sleaford Town Council public session and presented brief power point presentation to members and took questions. All documents were also sent to Sleaford Town Council, so they were fully informed of the project.
- 26 August 2022 - Session held at Skegness Fire station and via TEAMS
- 31 August 202 - Session held at Grantham Fire station and via TEAMS

#### **b. Consultation Outcomes**

Staff didn't provide any formal written feedback but the questions they raised at the engagement sessions have been collated in a frequently asked questions document and shared with staff. Feedback was received from 2 members of Sleaford town council and from the Fire Brigades Union (FBU).

The Sleaford Town Council engagement took place as requested by the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee. The 2 responses from the Councillors did express concerns with the proposed changes, these points included:

- Opposing the movement of assets from Sleaford to Boston – This is not part of any proposal.
- Appliances not having a snorkel type exhaust – Appliance design is not part of the proposal
- The one-way system in Sleaford – This has been considered and this is the reason why the proposal is to provide a 7-day wholetime (WT) duty system.
- Focus on the savings that may be realised. – It was reaffirmed that the budget released from the percentage uplift for WT night cover will be diverted into investment into Sleaford on Call.

The FBU welcomed the proposal however asked if the change could be delayed until 2023 to work out any issues from the proposed changes, such as requests from staff at Sleaford seeking to transfer out and allow the service to review the potential requests from staff for moves to alternative stations. They also expressed concerns for staff welfare potentially losing wages during the current cost of living crisis.

During the consultation period staff were asked to complete an expressions of interest form to determine where they would prefer to work based on the duty system in use at that station, 48 of the 76 staff engaged and completed the form.

## **2. Conclusion**

The service has completed the consultation as per the required process and a decision paper has been presented to the CFO and Executive portfolio holder. The decision has been made to progress with the proposed change and to implement the changes on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

Date	Action
20/10/2023	Rotas developed and sent to training department
28/10/2023	Training department will have added central training courses
01/11/2023	New Rotas are sent to stations
07/11/2023	Present outcomes of consultation to PP&C scrutiny committee
31/11/2022	Issue implementation document
16/01/2023 18/01/2023 25/01/2023 27/01/2023	Implementation briefings
17/02/2023	New Contract letters distributed to personnel
01/04/2023	New structure implemented

### 3. Consultation

#### a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

### 4. Background Papers

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**Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod, Executive Director - Adult Care & Community Wellbeing**

Report to:	<b>Public Protection &amp; Community Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>08 November 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>Briefing paper - Lincolnshire's Ukraine response</b>

**Summary:**

This report provides assurance on the progress of arrangements established by Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire's District Councils, and multi-agency partners to deliver the government requirements in relation to the Ukraine humanitarian crisis.

**Actions Required:**

The Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee is invited to review and comment on the contents of this report and provide feedback on activities undertaken to date.

## **1. Background**

In March 2022, in response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, the government launched the Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme, Homes for Ukraine (HfU); offering a route of entry to those who may have someone here willing to provide them with a home (sponsors). In April 2022, a paper was shared with the committee to confirm the emergency arrangements and structures established by partners, in response to government requirements.

This briefing provides an update on the HfU Scheme in the following areas:

- a) Latest data and the progress of Lincolnshire's delivery of Phase 1 (0-6 months)
- b) Planning and the establishment of arrangements for Lincolnshire's response to Phase 2 (6-12 months)

The government have delegated several responsibilities to Councils in relation to the HfU scheme, including:

- Accommodation suitability checks

- Suitability checks on sponsors and household members
- Initiating DBS checks on sponsor and 16+ household members
- Post arrival welfare checks
- Administration of £200 interim guest payments
- Administration of optional £350 monthly sponsor payments
- Rematching guests to new hosts following sponsorship breakdowns or safeguarding concerns
- Community integration and wrap around support including (but not limited to) access to education, support to access benefits and/or employment, access to English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), support service referrals, etc.
- Homelessness assistance

### **Phase 1 (April – September 2022)**

Since the last briefing in April, Lincolnshire has continued to welcome Ukrainian guests joining their hosts around the county. The arrival rate has slowed in comparison to April/May. Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) were notified of an average of 50 new guests in July and August 2022. As of 1<sup>st</sup> October, over 900 HfU guests have arrived and stayed within the county.

Anticipated arrival numbers fluctuate as some circumstances change following visa applications. However, we are currently anticipating just over 1300 arrivals in total based on applications to date.

Lincolnshire has the 17<sup>th</sup> highest number of HfU visa applications nationally and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the region. The LCC HfU Team continue to be actively involved in fortnightly calls with the Strategic Migration Partnership hosted within East Midlands Councils.

Resettlement partners have continued to engage in delivering the workstreams overseen by the Ukraine Coordination Group chaired by Samantha Neal, Assistant Director, Prevention and Early Intervention, LCC and through the pre-existing Resettlement Partnership chaired by Phil Roberts, Assistant Chief Executive at North Kesteven District Council (NKDC).

Since the last update, we have successfully developed and mobilised several partnership projects and processes to ensure Lincolnshire meets the requirements of the scheme.

### **Accommodation, suitability & welfare checks**

LCC instructs District Council Single Point of Contacts (SPOCs) when a new accommodation offer requires inspection. A performance framework quickly identifies any capacity issues or delays. To date very few accommodation offers have been deemed unsuitable.

LCC initiate DBS and local record checks. If suitability checks identify a potential cause for concern, further information is gathered, and the case is considered by a dedicated multi-agency safeguarding panel.

When a sponsor confirms the arrival of their guest, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue officers visit to ensure the guests are safe and well, provide fire safety advice, share translated information signposting guests to local services, including safeguarding information and details for the Wellbeing Service as a contact for advice and/or support. This visit also validates the sponsor's claim of the monthly thank you payment.

### **Guest/sponsor payments**

As soon as guests arrive, they are invited by email to apply for their £200 interim payment. Interim payments are promptly paid through a Charis voucher that can be cashed in a PayPoint shop. District Councils verify the applications. Wellbeing Lincs administer the vouchers.

Sponsor 'thank you' payments are administered by the relevant District Council. A countywide approach is in place underpinned by a HfU payments process that all Districts housing and finance leads are sighted on.

We made a local decision to contribute toward the costs of school uniforms following feedback from hosts and guests that this was a strain on their finances. Ukrainian parents can claim additional Charis vouchers towards the cost of school uniforms once the school confirms enrolment to LCC.

Free school meal funding is also provided to schools to enable all HfU children to instantly access free school meals when they enrol.

### **Wrap-around support**

Sponsors are expected to provide a basic level of support to welcome their guests, helping them to register with a GP, access local and public services and open a bank account. Information for sponsors and guests is available through the gov.uk website, on LCC website and on a Ukraine section on Connect to Support Lincolnshire.

In addition, a dedicated Wellbeing Service through Wellbeing Lincs is in place to provide advice, guidance, and signpost to other services.

LCC Inclusion and Attendance Team are contacting sponsors where it is identified that an arrived school age child is not yet in school.

LCC Early Years are contacting all HfU families with a pre-school age child and proactively inviting them to the nearest Children's Centre for a welcome visit undertaken by an Early Years Practitioner.

LCC Children's Health are utilising the arrival data to ensure applicable children are accessing universal services from Health Visiting Teams.

Lincolnshire Voluntary Engagement Team (LVET) have been commissioned to co-ordinate community-based wrap-around support. LVET, Voluntary Community Sector (VCS),

Wellbeing Service, Community Foundation, Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and LCC are developing and maintaining access to ESOL, support to access benefits, employment, etc.

A Ukraine Project Officer, employed by UpBeat Communities is working with community groups to identify gaps, share best practice and increase community capacity.

LCC also commissioned UpBeat Communities to deliver a series of six in-person and two virtual training sessions / workshops for existing sponsors and prospective hosts to support them in understanding how to host well and deal with difficulties that may arise.

DWP are coordinating outreach events, the first of which was held on 27th July in Lincoln, the second has been arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> November in Grantham. These will continue to be rolled out countywide, to support access to employment for the Ukraine cohort.

Lincolnshire Community Foundation have fund-raised for and launched the Ukraine Welcome Fund. This offers access to small grants to purchase specific items. Over 50% of applicants have asked for support to purchase push-bikes as a means of transport around local areas. To enable greater numbers to be supported, owing to the positive impact this independence may have on hosting arrangements, HfU grant funding is being utilised to top-up the donated amount to ensure the grants can still be accessed by those in need.

LCC are mobilising a light touch application and monitoring process to enable Community Groups who are supporting guests and hosts to apply for small grants. This mirrors the covid community group support arrangements. HfU funding will be utilised to enable and sustain the sector through the winter and into 2023.

## **Communications**

NKDC are hosting a dedicated part-time Communications Officer, funded through the HfU grant, who is engaging with colleagues across all workstreams. This is enabling us to share a fortnightly HfU e-newsletter which responds to sponsor/guest questions and feedback, and partner information.

## **Arrangement breakdowns and Rematching**

Where hosting arrangements break down, guests are eligible for LA homelessness support. A HfU breakdown process, codesigned by LCC, District Councils and Wellbeing Lincs, is in place and monitored via operational multiagency team meetings.

When it is determined that it is unviable or unsafe for the sponsorship to continue or because of failed checks and an inability to place the guest as planned, councils must support the guests in finding another host. Around 12% of arrangements have broken down or the circumstances changed, within the first 6 months.

Rematching is coordinated by the LCC HfU Team working with the Wellbeing Service and District Council Homeless Teams. We are using the Expression of Interest (EOI) data, local



connections through other hosts and dedicated communications encouraging more Lincolnshire hosts to come forward to identify alternative arrangements. This work is resource heavy. Experience to date is that a single rematch on average equates to more than 20 hours of work across several organisations.

### **Phase 2 (October – March 2023)**

On 5 August 2022, detailed guidance was issued on options where sponsorships end after 6 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-ukrainians-arriving-in-the-uk/your-living-arrangements-4-to-6-months-after-moving-to-the-uk>

- Guests and hosts are encouraged to discuss their future plans after four months. The best option in most cases is to remain in their current arrangement where possible.
- Guidance is given around the end of sponsorship pre-6 months (owing to breakdown, failed host checks, or safeguarding concerns), prioritising contact with Local Authorities (LA) in first instance. This aligns with our existing processes.
- Contingency options are to rematch themselves with a new host, (either independently, via Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE), or with support of employer or current host), to request rematching support from LA, or to seek private rental arrangements.
- Guidance around renting privately is signposted, including online calculators for Housing Benefit / Universal Credit, available online in Ukrainian/Russian.
- Information around relocating out of the area is provided, encouraging contact with LAs around arranging housing checks, transfer of funding, etc. Caveats around school place availability are highlighted.
- Reminder of need to obtain British Residency Permit (BRP) to extend stay to 3 years is included, alongside information around finding work, ESOL, and financial support.
- The final fallback option is to contact LA for further support.

Additional guidance for LAs and for sponsors was added to existing guidance. A suite of national links offering further support for sponsors was also made available.

The focus for the HfU partnership organisations and for sponsors/guests is shifting from managing arrivals and the initial settling in period, to 'what happens next'. The first cohort of 94 sponsors who received their guests in April reached the minimum term of 6 months in October; another 135 reach this point in November, and 72 more in December.

Nationally there is considerable emerging risk to homelessness services, arising from pressures around the private rented sector, affordable housing demand from other resettlement schemes, and full (mandatory) asylum dispersal, etc.

To try and identify the level of local risk, on a rolling programme of work, LCC's HfU Team is contacting all hosts whose guests arrived 4 months previously to 'check in', gather

information, offer advice and RAG rate the arrangement based on its sustainability (at the time of the telephone call). Phone calls have also enabled advice/guidance/signposting to be given that may prevent arrangements from becoming unstable and/or breaking down. It is clear that the hosting experience differs significantly from one arrangement to another.

Positively, 81% of 200 hosts contacted to date are indicating that they will continue to offer accommodation beyond the 6 months initial period. This compares well to some other authorities.

That said, 16% of guest groups (of the surveyed hosts to date) may require alternative accommodation within the county.

### **Lincolnshire Host Expression of Interest (EOI) survey**

LCC have developed and shared a local survey to 2970 Lincolnshire residents who expressed an interest in hosting via the national system at the outset of the scheme but were yet to match with a Ukrainian guest. Of these, 1037 responded and 371 indicated they remain willing to host Ukrainian guests.

Many EOI hosts are offering accommodation in rural areas which may present issues in accessing employment, schools and other services. These challenges related to more isolated settings can contribute to arrangements breaking down. That said, some rural arrangements are flourishing so we are not wholly discounting these offers.

LCC is working on establishing a 'ready homes' list from the EOI responses which will capture the offers considered most suitable to meet needs. We will work with DC housing officers to initiate accommodation inspections and DBS checks on these hosts in advance, so they are ready to go in the event of a rematch requirement. This may avoid individuals/families having to go into temporary, emergency accommodation for extended periods.

### **Managing expectations and communicating key messages**

To compliment the national 4–6-month guidance, we are communicating key local messages directly to hosts and guests to manage expectations and ensure that they are aware of the options available.

1. Where possible, continue in the existing arrangement.
2. Where the existing arrangement cannot continue, find a new host in or out of Lincolnshire (with LA support if required).
3. Where a guest is considering independent accommodation, they can look to rent private accommodation in or out of Lincolnshire (more advice on renting is in the detailed guidance).
4. If it safe and they wish to, the guests can return to the Ukraine (which some guests are choosing to do).

We are aware of over 60 Ukrainian guest groups who have already successfully moved on into independent accommodation without requiring local authority support.

### **Mitigating homelessness**

We have agreed partnership protocols in place where there is risk of homelessness owing to either crisis (immediate sponsorship breakdown) or a planned end of arrangement (where the host has confirmed they cannot accommodate their guests beyond their initial commitment and the guests cannot secure alternative accommodation).

Where the guest does not have sufficient resource to resolve their own housing issue, and a suitable alternative host cannot be identified, the national fall-back is emergency, temporary accommodation to be provided by the local Housing Authority. Any associated homelessness costs are being covered by the HfU grant.

In addition, District Council Housing Teams can support through Housing Options appointments and a Personal Housing Plan. Aligned to business-as-usual Homelessness duties, a financial support package is available to prevent guests at risk of homelessness going into, or to support them out of emergency, temporary accommodation. Subject to eligibility and affordability assessments this may include help with deposits and rent in advance payments to aid access into the private rental market.

Recognising the potential additional pressure on housing teams, the HfU grant has been used to fund x3 additional Homelessness Officers (covering the county and working closely with LCC's HfU Team and Wellbeing Lincs) for the next 12 months.

Where guests are placed in emergency, temporary accommodation or moving-on into independent accommodation, floating housing related support will be available, if necessary, for the most vulnerable.

We have begun engagement with private sector landlords and housing providers to alert them to the number of Ukrainian guests that have moved into the county, share any detail surrounding the barriers being reported by guests trying to access the market and capture offers of available accommodation. It is early stages, but this work will progress over the next few months.

We have recently learnt that some councils across the country have taken decisions to offer increased payments above the £350 optional host thank you payments. Some are offering temporary increases over the winter months; some are offering one-off additional payments. Some are offering flat-rate increases, whilst others are offering a sliding scale of payment increases based on the number of guests. Other councils are offering no increase. It is a mixed and unequal picture.

We have asked the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for urgent clarification of any national plans. In parallel we have convened a meeting to discuss arrangements with colleagues across the East Midlands region. We are considering

options for increased payments over the winter and will continue to communicate key messages to hosts as this work develops.

## 2. Conclusion

This report provides an overview of delivery to date and sets out our ongoing arrangements. We have recently asked LCC’s Internal Audit Team to undertake a review to ensure the partnership processes we have in place continue to provide assurance that the government requirements are being fully met in Lincolnshire. To date this review has not identified any gaps or concerns.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Risks and Impact Analysis

A full risk register is being maintained by the Ukraine Refugee Coordination Group.

## 4. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Guidance - Apply for a visa under the Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme (Homes for Ukraine)	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-visa-under-the-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-visa-under-the-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme</a>
Homes for Ukraine - Guidance for councils	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-councils">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-councils</a>
Homes for Ukraine – Sponsor guidance	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-sponsor-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-sponsor-guidance</a>
Homes for Ukraine – 4-6 month guidance for guests	<a href="#">Your living arrangements 4 to 6 months after moving to the UK - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>

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**Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod, Executive Director – Adult Care & Community Wellbeing**

Report to:	<b>Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>08 November 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme</b>

**Summary:**

This item enables the Committee to consider and comment on the content of its work programme for the coming year to ensure that scrutiny activity is focused where it can be of greatest benefit. The work programme will be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee to ensure that its contents are still relevant and will add value to the work of the Council and partners.

**Actions Required:**

Members of the Committee are invited to review the work programme and highlight any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme.

**1. Background**

Overview and Scrutiny should be positive, constructive, independent, fair, and open. The scrutiny process should be challenging, as its aim is to identify areas for improvement. Scrutiny activity should be targeted, focused and timely and include issues of corporate and local importance, where scrutiny activity can influence and add value.

All members of overview and scrutiny committees are encouraged to bring forward important items of community interest to the committee whilst recognising that not all items will be taken up depending on available resource.

The Committee is encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the work programme.

## 2. Work Programme

<b>8 NOVEMBER 2022</b>		
<b>Item</b>		<b>Contributor</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service Attendance at Flooding Incidents – Annual Report on Performance</b>	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer
<b>2</b>	<b>Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service- Proposed changes of duty arrangements- Follow up Report</b>	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer
<b>3</b>	<b>Update on Lincolnshire’s Response to Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis</b>	Semantha Neal, Assistant Director of Prevention and Early Intervention

<b>13 DECEMBER 2022</b>		
<b>Item</b>		<b>Contributor</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-2023 – Quarter 2</b>	Martyn Parker, Assistant Director - Public Protection Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Lee Sirdifield, Assistant Director - Corporate Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Senior Manager
<b>2</b>	<b>Lincs Fire and Rescue – Progress on Response to Inspection Outcomes from Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire &amp; Rescue Services</b>	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer
<b>3</b>	<b>Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance 2021-22</b>	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer
<b>4</b>	<b>Multiply – numeracy programme update</b>	Thea Croxall Adult Learning & Skills Manager - Economic Development
<b>SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Reducing Offending – The Work of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership</b>	Zoe Walters, Community Safety Strategy Co-ordinator

24 JANUARY 2023	
Item	Contributor
1	Trading Standards Food Update (Inc. Sources of intelligence used by Trading Standards)
Mark Keal, Trading Standards Manager	
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
2	Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Update
Claire Seabourn, Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Business Manager	

21 MARCH 2023	
Item	Contributor
1	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-2023 – Quarter 3
Martyn Parker, Assistant Director - Public Protection	
Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities	
Lee Sirdifield, Assistant Director - Corporate	
Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	
Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Senior Manager	
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
2	Prevent Annual Report
Clare Newborn, Interim Head of Service - Community Safety Manager	
3	Substance Misuse
Jemma Clarke, Community Safety Strategy Coordinator	

### 3. To be programmed

This section covers areas of work that have been highlighted previously in Committee Meetings and by Officers as future items to be programmed.

- Anti-social Behaviour (Inc. Community Trigger Strategy)
- Citizen’s Advice- Annual Report (May 2023)
- Community Safety and Public Trust in Police
- Domestic Abuse Strategy – Update Report 2023
- Safer Together Update
- Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework ‘22-23 – Q4 (July 2023)

#### **4. Conclusion**

The Committee is invited to review and comment on the work programme and highlight any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme.

#### **5. Consultation**

##### **a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

N/A

#### **6. 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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