

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Date: 17 March 2022

Title: **Response to Storm Arwen, Malik, Barra and Corrie**

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Service:

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The Elected Mayor has asked the Chair of Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to consider a Task and Finish Review of the preparations for and response to, Storm Arwen with the intention of learning any lessons for future practice.

2. Introduction

Since Storm Arwen the Borough has experienced Storm Malik, Storm Barra and Storm Corrie. The Mayor extended her request to include consideration of all.

The scope of the requested study is suggested as follows

- North Tyneside Council's responsibilities under the Civil Contingencies Act and how they are discharged
- How the Authority responds to Weather Warnings and prepares for Weather Events
- How the Authority prepared for Storms Arwen, Malik, Barra and Corrie
- How the Authority responded to Storms Arwen, Malik, Barra and Corrie including a timeline of events
- How the Authority communicated with Members, Residents and Communities during the storms; and
- What lessons were learned and good practice identified.

3. Details

Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee will establish a Tasks and Finish Group to

- Consider the preparations made to respond to Storms Arwen, Malik, Barra and Corrie
- Consider the response to the storms; and
- Identify any lessons learned and good practice which can be applied during future incidents.

The Task and Finish Group may wish to do this work as follows

- Briefing from the Officer Team responsible for Emergency Planning
- Briefing and materials from the Officer Team who managed the response; and
- A visit to the team to look at the work they do to manage trees in the Borough

4. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

5. Appendices