

## Implementation of High Risk Mitigation Measures – Quarter 2 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The purpose of this report is to provide an update concerning the implementation of mitigation measures for those areas of risk which have been assessed as high within the Directorate Risk Register that fall within the Remit of the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

### Business Area – Policy Planning and Transportation

<b>Assessment of current risk – (Emergency Planning)</b>			Impact (Severity)	Likelihood (Probability)	Score (I x L)		
<b>PR R14</b>	Lack of resilience in the event of a major disaster results in loss of services in the Borough. <i>(Strategic Priority: Safer Halton)</i>		4	3	<b>12</b>		
<b>Risk control measure(s)</b>		Lead Officer	Timescale Review	Residual Impact	Residual Likelihood	Residual Score	
<i>R14 a</i>	<i>Business Continuity Plans in place across the Council</i>		Mick Noone Operational Director (Policy, Planning & Transportation)	Annually	3	1	<b>3</b>
<i>R14 b</i>	<i>Major Emergency Plan in place and tested</i>						
<i>R14 c</i>	<i>Specialist Emergency Planning team in place</i>						
<i>R14 d</i>	<i>Regular training for key personnel</i>						
<i>R14 e</i>	<i>Joint exercises with other key partners</i>						
<i>R14 f</i>	<i>Severe Weather and Flood Response Plans in place.</i>						

#### Progress update

Business Continuity Plans are in place and reviewed annually. The plans, together with the Major Emergency Plan, are tested regularly.

The Emergency Planning team is fully staffed and carries out training of key personnel and COMAH exercises are carried out with key partners. However it should be noted that whilst staffing levels within the team have remained static the number of sites has increased from 3 to 8 during the last 2 years. As such should this increase in the number of sites continue, as seems likely, arrangements may need to be reviewed in order that the Council can continue to meet its Emergency Planning responsibilities.

The ongoing streamlining of staffing structures may place increasing pressure upon the smaller number of Senior Officers available to act as Key Responders and this situation will be closely monitored as we move forward in order that an appropriate and sustainable portfolio of Officers can be maintained.

Severe Weather and Flood Response Plans are in place and reviewed annually.