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Agenda

WINTER MAINTENANCE TASK & FINISH GROUP

Date: Tuesday 15 June 2010

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury

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1 APOLOGIES/CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP 10.00am

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 MINUTES 1 - 10

of the meeting held on 1 June 2010 to be confirmed.

4 NEIGHBOURING AUTHORITY EXPERIENCE Contributors

10.05am

• Brian Short, Southern Area Highway Management, Oxfordshire County Council

Purpose

As one of Buckinghamshire's neighbouring authorities, Oxfordshire County Council experienced similar problems to the County Council both during and after the winter of 2009/10. This item will be an opportunity to find out what similarities there were between the responses of the local authorities, what was done differently and what Oxfordshire are aiming to improve in the future.

5 LOOKING AFTER VULNERABLE PEOPLE Contributors

10.50am

- Tricia Birchley, Cabinet Member for Adults and Families
- Martin Phillips, Cabinet Spokesman for Adults and Family Wellbeing

Purpose





This item as an opportunity to question the Cabinet Member for Adults and Families and the Cabinet Spokesman for Adults and Family Wellbeing on how frontline service delivery was affected by the harsh winter weather conditions experienced in 2009/10. This is also an opportunity to ascertain what went well during the winter, what could be improved for the winter of 2010/11 and how the portfolio works with Transportation to protect those perceived to be vulnerable.

6 RESILIENCE IN WINTER WEATHER Contributors

11.45am

• Robert Murdoch, Resilience Officer, Resilience Team, Buckinghamshire County Council

Background

The aim of the Resilience Team is to ensure that the County Council is able to respond swiftly and proportionately to an emergency or critical incident whilst continuing to deliver key services.

During an incident the Resilience Team will coordinate the initial County Council response, provide support as requested to the emergency services, work closely with the District Councils and other responders and coordinate the response of nominated voluntary organisations.

The Resilience Team facilitates the Business Continuity Management programme of the County Council.

Purpose

Members will have the opportunity to question the Resilience Officer on the County Council's joined up response with partners during the harsh winter weather of 2009/10.

7 LUNCH 12.20pm

8 EMERGENCY SERVICES Contributor

1.00pm

- Ian Taylor, Group Manager, Emergency Planning and Resilience, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- TBC, South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS)

Purpose

During periods of extreme winter weather the emergency services do not stop working, if anything the challenges they face become more varied and accessing those in need becomes more problematic. Members have the opportunity to question representatives from two of the emergency service providers in Buckinghamshire to hear about their experiences during the winter weather. This is an opportunity to find out what went well, what problems were experienced and also how the County Council and its partners could assist the emergency services further during periods of extreme weather.

9 PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVIDERS Contributors

- Brian Fordham, Depot Manager High Wycombe, Arriva
- Steve MacDonald, Deport Manager Aylesbury, Arriva

Purpose

Members will have the opportunity to question representatives from Arriva Buses, one of the County Council's public transport providers, on how the harsh winter weather impacted on their ability to keep the county moving. This is an opportunity to find out what went well, what problems were experienced by Arriva as a result of the weather and also how the County Council and its partners could assist public transport providers during periods of extreme weather.

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