

REPORT OF CRIME AND DISORDER PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANEL

(meeting held on 16 January 2001)

1. EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO RECENT FLOODING PROBLEMS (MINUTE NO.17)

The Panel received a brief oral report on the Council's response to the flooding which had particularly affected settlements in the Avon valley over Christmas and the New Year. The Council had an operational flood plan, that had proved effective. At the moment, ground water levels remained high, leaving a high level of risk of fresh flooding, should there be any additional significant rainfall.

The Panel was advised that the flood plan should be reviewed, in the light of experience, in particular to establish:

- The Council's own policies on the way it should respond
- Which agency had responsibility for implementing each action set out in the plan
- Detailed lists of what should be expected from each officer and each partner organisation.

The plan had also been costly in officer time, and this should also be examined.

The cost of the emergency response was high, but everything over £30,000 should be reimbursed by Central Government.

The Panel congratulated all those officers, particularly the Direct Labour organisation, who had provided the Council's emergency response.

Councillor T Russell
CHAIRMAN