

Joint Audit and Governance Committee



Report of Assurance Manager

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Review of our response to the Crowmarsh fire 15 January 2015

Recommendation

That members note the content of the report

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to summarise the outcomes of a review that has been conducted by the assurance manager on the councils' response to the Crowmarsh Gifford fire which occurred on 15 January 2015. The committee is asked to review the report and the main issues arising, and seek assurance that action will be/has been taken where necessary.

2. The contact officer for this report is Adrianna Partridge, Assurance Manager for South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council, telephone 01235 540389.

Strategic objectives

3. Managing our business effectively.

Background

4. The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 defines the essential aspects of emergency preparedness as risk assessment, emergency planning, business continuity management (BCM) and arrangements to warn and inform the public. To embed business continuity management within an organisation means to understand the organisation, determine the BCM strategy, develop and implement the BCM response and test, maintain and review arrangements.

Financial implications

5. There are no financial implications attached to this report.

Legal implications

6. None

Risk implications

7. Identification of risk is an integral part of business continuity management.

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