

Storm Arwen improvement plan update

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Progress against improvement areas

- 1 Review and expand the community resilience offering across the county.
5/5 completed
- 2 Improve incident planning and preparedness through emergency planning, training and exercising processes.
5 completed; 2 commenced; 1 not started but other action taken
- 3 Review emergency response resources and establish qualifying criteria for future incidents.
2 completed; 2 commenced
- 4 Review of communication and information sharing during incident response following the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP).
3 completed; 2 commenced
- 5 Develop a protocol for the activation and use of council staff during an incident.
2/2 completed
- 6 Review strategic, tactical and operational decision making and governance.
3/3 completed

Progress with community resilience plans

- Engaged with over 40 communities.
- Two sessions with County Durham Association of Local Councils attended by 32 town and parish councils.
- Launched DCC small grants scheme and made three awards.
- Supported soft launch of Northern Powergrid Foundation grants scheme and supported 18 groups to access £193,000 of funding.

Progress with community resilience plans

Initial meetings held with 25 communities/groups:

- Durham City
- DERIC/Bearpark
- Pelton
- Urpeth
- Ouston
- Pelton Fell
- Bullion Hall, Chester-le-Street
- Cornsay Colliery, Cornsay Village and Hamsteels
- Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill
- Newton Aycliffe
- Easington
- Shotton
- Peterlee
- Haswell
- Medomsley
- Healeyfield, Castleside, Moorside
- Stanhope Parish Council (overarching plan for Weardale once local plans are completed)
- Eastgate
- Ireshopeburn
- Wearhead
- Witton-le-Wear
- St John's Chapel
- Bowes
- Middleton/Newbiggin
- Eggleston

Progress with community resilience plans

Active groups being supported to develop plans:

- West Rainton and Leamside
- Shincliffe
- East Hedleyhope
- Frosterley
- Cowshill
- Startforth
- Lartington
- Trimdon and Thornley Division
- Stanhope
- Wolsingham
- Romaldkirk
- Woodland
- Chester-le-Street

Progress with community resilience plans

Completed plans ready for training date:

- Ingleton
- Dipton
- Gilesgate

Completed plans, trained and exercised:

- Westgate
- Evenwood and Barony
- Lands Village Hall
- Belmont
- Lanchester