

Audit Committee

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County Durham and Darlington Community Risk Register (CRR)



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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update of Durham County Council's (DCC) contribution to the Durham & Darlington Local Resilience Forum's Community Risk Register (CRR).

Community Risk Register Update

2. Since the last RAWG meeting the CRR has undergone two version updates, with the current version being v2.5 (June 2011). Key changes are identified below:
 - Northumbrian Water has updated their risk assessments in relation to Generic Reservoirs, loss of water supplies and drought. In addition, Northumbrian Water have also devised a separate risk assessment to be included within the CRR covering Tunstall reservoir, which has been categorised by DEFRA as high risk due to its topographical risks.
 - The Highways Agency has prepared a new risk assessment around closure of the A66 due to severe weather, as this is a frequent occurrence each winter.
 - A number of risk assessments were recently assessed at the last RAWG meeting (7th July) around Chemical & Industrial sites. It was decided that a more localised flavour is needed within these risk assessment to incorporate the Top / Lower tier Control of Major Accident Hazard (COMAH) sites across Durham & Darlington.
 - The Olympics 2012 (competition & torch relay) has been included within the risk assessment 'Large Scale Domestic Events'. However, at each RAWG meeting an update will be given on the progress of Olympic work across Durham and Darlington.
 - Hartlepool Nuclear Power Station is a risk that is to be re-considered at the next meeting due to the recent Fukushima incident (2011), as previously this has been discounted on the basis that it is not within our area.
 - Cyber Security and Transit of Pathogens through Durham & Darlington are also to be considered at the next meeting, as Cyber Security is one the UK's top four risks according to the National Security Council's recent strategy.

Key CRR Risks

3. A full copy of the CRR is available in the Members Library. Currently, the top risks of the CRR are:
 - i. Flooding
 - ii. Pandemic Influenza
 - iii. Severe Weather
 - iv. Fuel Shortages
4. Appendix 2 of this report highlights the key CRR risks for DCC as lead reviewer and risks where DCC have some involvement or may be impacted upon. The two specific DCC risks (H37/H52) are relatively new to the CRR process and their likelihood is rated at 2 on a maximum scale of 5.

Recommendations and Reasons

5. The Audit Committee to note this report

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - Addressing business continuity and emergency planning appropriately reduces the risk of financial loss.

Staffing - Staff training needs are addressed in the training plan.

Risk – Not a key decision

Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty - None

Accommodation - None

Crime and disorder - None

Human rights - None

Consultation – The Community Risk Register is a multi-agency developed document.

Procurement – None.

Disability issues – None.

Legal Implications – The Local Resilience Forum is required to have a Community Risk Register under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 .

Appendix 2: Risk Summary

Key CRR Risks – DCC as Lead Assessor			
Risk Ref	Description	Risk Rating	CRR Page No
H37	International Security Incident resulting in influx of British Nationals who are not normally residents in the UK	Medium	59
H52	Influx of British Nationals from abroad following an outbreak of an infectious disease	Medium	59
Key CRR Risks – DCC as Additional Involvement			
H23	Influenza type disease (pandemic)	Very High	47
HL19	Significant local fluvial flooding	Very High	36
HL20	Localised extremely hazardous flash flooding	High	37
H18	Low temperatures and Heavy Snow	High	38
H17	Storms & Gales	High	39
H48	Heat Wave	High	40
H31	Significant or perceived significant constraint on the supply of fuel at filling stations e.g. industrial action by contract drivers for fuel, or effective fuel blockades at key refineries/terminals by protesters, due to the price of fuel	High	55
H25	Non-zoonotic notifiable animal diseases	High	51
H26	Zoonotic notifiable animal diseases	High	53
H8 / H9	Very Large / Large Toxic Chemical Release	High	15/16
HL2 / HL3	Localised industrial accident involving large / small toxic release	High	10
LRF HL2	Large Scale Public Gathering or Event with the potential to impact on local infrastructure, resources & emergency services	Low	58