

## IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SUMMARY REPORT

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Document Name:	Multi Agency Contingency Plan – Flooding, Whitesands		
Document Type:	Contingency Plan		
Owner:	Superintendent, Operational Support Services		
Reviewing Officer:	Inspector, HQ Community & Criminal Justice		
Policy Grading	Low		

**NOTE: When a policy is referred to in this document it encompasses a proposed, current or amendment to a policy/force standing order/function.**

What is the purpose of the policy or amendments to current policy?

The purpose of this policy is an agreed course of action between various partner agencies to minimise the impact of the River Nith flooding on the Whitesands, Dumfries and surrounding area.

Who is intended to benefit from the policy or amendments and how?

- 1) Local businesses – to minimise risk of loss
- 2) Local farmers to minimise risk to livestock
- 3) Local residents to minimise risk to property both building and motor vehicle and their own personal safety
- 4) Visitors to the area so that their lack of knowledge of problem does not leave them vulnerable or endanger their safety
- 5) The policy is intended to benefit the community, however more specifically.

Give a description of how proposed policy or amendments were assessed against the potential of discriminating against a group or individual on the grounds of colour, race, gender, transgender status, marital or civil partnership status, nationality, ethnic or national origins, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief?

The policy was assessed as not discriminating against anyone on the basis that the flooding itself caused difficulties perhaps to other groups as opposed to the policy to deal with same. It was noted that there may have been issues relative to language in respect of the notification given by SEPA, however that was seen as an issue for them as opposed to the policy and they will be made aware of considerations in this respect.

Consultation methods used and summary of findings

Due to this policy being deemed as 'low' there was no actual consultation with any specific group as it was felt unnecessary in the circumstances.

Conclusions reached from assessment and consultation

Not Applicable

Amendments made to the policy or amendments following consultation. Please state why these changes were made.

No changes to actual policy, however SEPA will be contacted through Emergency Planning re future considerations on their communication strategy to ensure that no one is potentially discriminated against.

How the policy is to be monitored, how often and by whom

As this policy is deemed as 'low', there is at this time no need to put in place a monitoring policy or timescale. If changes to the policy itself occur then this position will be re-assessed. For continuity of process a yearly review will be carried out to accommodate or address any changes to the policy.

A review of the effects of the policy is required to ensure that it does not discriminate against any group or individual on the grounds of colour, race, gender, transgender status, marital or civil partnership status, nationality, ethnic or national origins, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief.

<b>Recommended Review Date:</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December, 2010</b>
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This summary contains details of the Impact Assessment carried out relating to this policy. Under Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary's Freedom of Information Publication Scheme a copy of the full report and consultation are available on request.

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