

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure
DATE	21 May 2013
DIRECTOR	Gordon McIntosh
TITLE OF REPORT	Flood Guards
REPORT NUMBER:	EPI/14/

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report has been produced in response to the motion raised by Councillor Malone on 7 May 2013 re the provision

The motion requested that

"In view of the recent floods experienced by many households throughout the city, I request that we follow the good practice of other local authorities by supplying affected households with appropriate flood guards that should have a useable life of around 15-25 years, instead of sandbags. I recognise that this would mean a change in policy, therefore I would request that officer's report back to the appropriate committee with a report comparing the labour costs etc"

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

None

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no finances available from this years EP&I budgets to carry out this work.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

This report has no direct implications in relation to Equalities & Human Rights Impact Assessment.

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We will promote Aberdeen as a great place to live, bring up a family, do business and visit.

We will provide and promote a sustainable transport system, including cycling, which reduces our carbon emissions

Single Outcome Agreement, National Outcomes 5, 6, 10, 12, & 14

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None at this time

6. REPORT

According to the SEPA flood risk assessments there are 1300 residential and 350 non-residential properties at some risk of flooding in Aberdeen.

There were two significant flood events in 2012, affecting approximately 50 properties.

Although the Council has a general duty to promote sustainable flood risk management measures, individual property owners are responsible for protecting their properties against flood damage.

The Council does have a limited stock of sandbags and will supply these or make them available free of charge for collection, on request, at times of flood risk.

For some of the properties at risk the installation of flood guards on doors and air vents would significantly reduce the risk of flood damage. At present individual property owners in Aberdeen are responsible for funding and arranging the installation of these guards.

Some local authorities do supply flood guards as part of their flood risk management strategy – either free of charge or at a discounted rate.

Certain vulnerable areas of the city may benefit from a policy where the installation of flood guards would remove the need for sandbag deployment at times of flood risk.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

This is the link for the SEPA website for the SEPA Flood Maps. Just scroll to the bottom of the disclaimer page to launch the maps

http://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding/flood_extent_maps/view_the_map.aspx

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