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Dear Councillor Jepson

Council Meeting – 22nd January 2020

Thank you for your comments at the above meeting relating to the recent flooding incident. You specifically asked when elected members would receive information following the review of the incident.

Improving Places at their meeting on 6th February will receive a report on the flooding incident along with a review of the response provided to this. Members will also be provided with information relating to future potential flooding alleviation works as well as an update to the major incident plan and recommendations previously made by a task and finish group of Improving Places. There is a full debriefing process and review underway, this is due to report towards the end of March this year and members will be briefed on the actions as a result.

In relation to your ward, I am aware that the Council has continued to engage with the Parish Council and that at a meeting on the 18th November, a range of information was provided which helped to identify people affected in your area. This information went on to support any claims for grant funding and rates relief. Wherever individuals have made a claim for this support, the Council has ensured that they are also awarded the funds available through the Disaster Relief Fund led by the South Yorkshire Community Foundation Trust.

As you know from your role as a Parish Councillor, the Chief Executive has made a commitment to work closely with Parish Councils on Emergency Planning and I'm aware this has been followed up initially by the Emergency Planning Team at the

Joint Working Group Meeting held on the 27th January. This work will be continued through meetings with Parish Councils to design local solutions alongside continuing to offer training, including your suggestion of a demonstration in the control room. A further update will be provided to Parish Councils at the end of March.

I hope that the above information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Read', with a horizontal line underneath.

Councillor Chris Read
Leader of Rotherham Council