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TITLE:	Outcomes of Working Group on MIP
	Review (19 October 2020)

## 1. Background

1.1 Present: Cllrs Wyatt (Chair), Cutts, McNeely, Mallinder, Reeder, Sheppard, Taylor,

Walsh, and co-optee, Mrs. Mary Jacques.

**1.2** Apologies: None

1.3 Attendees:

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Claire Hanson – Manager Community Safety and Street Scene Tom Smith –Assistant Director Community Safety and Street Scene Sam Barstow – Head of Community Safety, Resilience and Emergency

Planning

# Purpose of the session

1. To receive an update on progress toward previous recommendations from IPSC.

2. To receive information and reflections on the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. To receive information on lessons learned and preparations for future.

#### Scope

This Working Group was convened in keeping with the agreed Work Programme for Improving Places Select Commission 2020-21. This working group is part of the IPSC bi-annual review of the MIP. The membership of the working group comprises the members who previously worked on the MIP review task-and-finish group and also in keeping with the original group, incorporates co-optee representation from Rotherfed.

### 2. Key Issues

**2.1 Progress:** Of the 15 recommendations that were made in 2017, 12 of those have been discharged. Those remaining include the ongoing recommendation to review the MIP every two years.

The second outstanding recommendation prescribed an away day for front-line responder training. While 9 in-depth exercises and tests, coordinated at the local or regional levels, have been conducted on a range of potential incident scenarios (5 in 2018, 3 in 2019, and 1 in 2020), an "away day" as such has not yet happened. Fewer of these scenario trainings have been undertaken in late 2019

	and 2020 as there has been more live training and shadowing on active incidents including protests, no-deal EU Exit, November 2019 Floods, and COVID-19 Pandemic.
2.3	The final recommendation was that a community resilience officer be appointed. It should be noted that the goal of this recommendation was to nurture and draw on the good will that exists among citizens and volunteers in communities around the Borough, and that the appointment of an officer or officers to the role of coordinating these efforts was but one of the possible avenues toward this goal. The spirit of this recommendation is being upheld in efforts to expand the involvement of communities in the response to incidents, for example, through the work done by the Community Hub, Rotherham Heroes, redeployed officers, and parish councils, etc., during the pandemic. In terms of floods, the South Yorkshire Community Foundation Trust has effectively mobilised the third sector partners. The shared nature of the Emergency Planning service does present challenges to direct recruitment of posts.
2.4	<b>Learning:</b> Key learning is captured in a debrief following each training exercise or live incident. This debrief process has led to enhancements in digital command and control, wider resourcing, engagement with partners including parish councils, active use of plans, and informed prioritisation of services.
2.5	<b>Plans:</b> The next steps include completing the business continuity work programme, exercising based on the flooding debrief, improving engagement with parish councils, continuous review of ongoing response capability, and ensuring capability is in place to manage concurrent incidents.
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### 3. Recommendations

- **3.1** 1. That the briefing be noted.
- 2. That the Major Incident Plan be highlighted in the educational programming as part of the induction of new Members following the 2021 Council election.