COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024

POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE CABINET LEAD MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND FLOODING

Flooding Update September 2024

Everyone will be aware of the serious flooding in Leicestershire due to heavy rainfall on 21st and 22nd September. On Saturday afternoon, 21st September, calls started to the highways Duty Officer regarding flooding and adverse weather and continued through the weekend with over 200 calls being received. Many of the usual flood locations in the north of the County were affected initially and roads closed included:

a) Slash Lane near Sileby,
b) Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby,
c) Sileby Rd, Mountsorrel,
d) Churchill Rd, Thurmaston (under the railway bridge).

In addition, Market Harborough town centre experienced flooding; it is understood the Surface Water Sewer manhole surcharged at the top of the town (near Bowden Lane) and the town flooded between 6.00pm and 7.00pm on Saturday. Council officers met with Harborough District Council and Anglian Water on Monday 23rd September to discuss the situation further.

Since the weekend, further roads have been affected by rising water levels, these include:

a) Mythe Lane, Witherley,
b) Countesthorpe Road, Wigston (Crow Mills),
c) Leicester Road, Blaby.

Highways operational gangs will continue to monitor locations affected by adverse weather to understand the status and keep them safe as well as clear detritus left by floodwater.

It is understood that a number of commercial properties were internally flooded in Market Harborough town centre on Saturday 21st September. There have also been reports of two schools in the Harborough district being internally flooded as well as commercial property in the Blaby district. Details relating to the above are still being collated.

As the Lead Local Flood Authority, the Council's Flooding team will continue to collate reports of internal property flooding and any such instances should be reported to flooding@leics.gov.uk .

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