

Comments from Dr Kevin Feltham, representing Gartree Division

Cabinet Meeting 7 February 2025

Agenda Item 9 - Flooding in Leicestershire in January 2025 and implications for Lead Local Flood Authority and local Highways Authority

Great Glen is a major community in my division. On 6/7 January this year many residents and businesses were affected by the floods that ensued from the weather, and I have been contacted by many of them seeking help and advice. Areas in Great Glen affected by flooding included The Nook, Orchard Lane, London Road, Church Road and the High Street areas. A woman trapped in a car in the rising flood water was rescued by the owner of a nearby Italian restaurant, and images of the rescue were broadcast on national news channels.

Residents and businesses affected by the flooding are steadily trying to bring their properties back to normal; in some cases, the whole downstairs of some properties were flooded so this will take some time, and a number of families are having to find temporary accommodation elsewhere.

I am pleased to see that the Cabinet are discussing an additional £1m from reserves to help communities clean up and become flood ready. It is very important that this money is used for more investigations, designed to pinpoint the causes of flooding, and identify any potential solutions, and to fund drainage repairs as necessary.

I am aware that many of those affected have contacted the council but I am not aware of any direct responses, so I would ask that further information can urgently be provided for residents and businesses affected by the flooding so they can plan for the restoration of their premises as soon as possible.

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