

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL FLOODING PLAN

### **North Lincolnshire Council Sandbag Policy**

#### **Purpose of Policy**

The purpose of this Sandbag Policy is to establish priorities and resource levels for the issue of sandbags by North Lincolnshire Council in the event of a flooding incident.

#### **Statutory Duty**

The Council does not have a statutory obligation to issue sandbags. The Council does however owe a duty of care to some groups of people, such as vulnerable people living in council care homes, and use of sandbags as a preventive measure can assist in meeting that duty of care.

#### **Stock Levels**

The Council will maintain 1000 empty sandbags in stock, and ensure access to an adequate supply of suitable sand at short notice. Maintenance of stock levels is the responsibility of the Highway Operations Manager. Sandbags are located at:

Highway Operations  
Brigg Road  
Scunthorpe DN16 1AX

Tel 01724 296686/87

An additional external supply of 1000 filled sandbags is available at minimal cost for delivery to any location within North Lincolnshire.

#### **Response**

Subject to resource availability the council will respond in accordance with the prioritised list below:

1. Protection of members of society at risk of injury or loss of life.
2. Protection of council property.
3. Protection of private property.

NOTE Sandbags will only be supplied when the threat of a flood exists and are not provided for future protection of vulnerable properties

#### **Cost**

The initial cost of response up to a maximum of £5,000 will be met from the Highway Operations revenue budget. Separate approvals will be obtained for expenditure above this level.