

**Worcestershire County Council and District Councils
Joint Scrutiny on Flooding
Report of meeting at County Hall Monday 26th Nov.**

Presentation of where, when and (in some cases) why flooding took place in the county in June and July 2007 - Cars under water on M50

Structure of the various response organisations:

Redditch BC is a Category 1 – responsible for local flooding

Gold - Strategic decisions, can call an emergency in West Mercia Police area
“Felt to be too large an area.”

Silver – if emergency called reacts – organises response
May react to major incident without emergency being called.

Bronze – the people on the ground who do the work.

Anticipated outcomes:

- Joint submission for Local Area agreements.
- Inclusion of Housing Associations in managing flooding of properties.
(appeared quicker to respond)
- Stronger voice with Severn Trent / Environment Agency / Land Owner / Insurance Companies.
(reduce repetition and/or contradictions)
- Joint response to RSS
There may well be other outcomes, as yet not decided

Next Steps:

Officers from Worcestershire County Council - to collate information from all participating authorities – next meeting January 2008

Find a champion to lead Scrutiny.

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