
Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date:	26 March 2019
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Subject:	DEC Appeal – Cyclone Idai		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Committee to consider making a donation to the DEC Cyclone Idai Appeal.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Committee will be aware that tropical Cyclone Idai has had a devastating impact across south east Africa especially Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.
- 2.2 Latest information is that almost 1,000 people are dead whilst more than 2 million have been affected across the three countries.
- 2.3 The Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) issued an appeal on 21 March and, as the Council has responded generously to similar DEC Appeals in the past, the Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to make a donation in this instance.
- 2.4 Any donation will be funded from the Council's Revenue Contingency Earmarked Reserve.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee decides whether it wishes to make a donation to the Cyclone Idai DEC Appeal and if so confirms the amount to be donated.

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Chief Financial Officer

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Council has previously donated sums to a number of DEC Appeals eg: The Ebola Appeal, Nepal Earthquake Appeal, Malawi Food Crisis Appeal and the Yemen Crisis Appeal. All have been funded from the Council's Contingency Fund and all received £10,000.
- 4.2 In mid-March a major tropical cyclone, Cyclone Idai, hit the south east part of Africa with devastating impacts in three countries in particular Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Latest information is that almost 1,000 people have died and over 2 million have been significantly impacted by the cyclone and as such the Disaster Emergency Committee launched an appeal on 21 March.

5.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 Information regarding the impact of Cyclone Idai is being received on a daily basis and it is expected that the number fatalities will rise. There is an urgent need for shelter, food and water plus medical supplies.
- 5.2 The Council retains a Revenue Contingency Earmarked Reserves and in the past has funded any donations to DEC Appeals from this reserve.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
EMR	Contingency	2018/19	Tbc		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

6.2 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.3 Human Resources

There are no HR implications arising from this report.

6.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix

No This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

6.5 Repopulation

There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None