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Elected Member briefing

If you are receiving this message around the impacts of today's Amber weather warning, your help is appreciated in spreading this message via word of mouth or other local channels in your community

Sunday, October 8, 2023

The Met Office has issued an Amber weather warning and SEPA has also issued flood warnings, to include Ballater and Aboyne.

Rain became heavy and persistent leading to flooding overnight, with Southern and Western Aberdeenshire particularly at risk.

River levels are expected to peak just above flood warning level in Ballater at around 1pm today.

Fast flowing or deep floodwater is possible, causing a danger to life

- Extensive flooding of homes and businesses is possible
- Damage to buildings and structures or building collapse might happen
- Road may potentially close, along with bus and train service delays and cancellations
- Dangerous driving conditions might occur, because of spray and flooded roads
- Loss of power and other essential services, such as gas, water or mobile phone services, is possible
- Communities could be completely cut off by floodwater, perhaps for several days

Sandbags were made available to our road depots in advance. We are aware that stocks are running low and they will not be replenished at this time. Households are responsible for protecting their own properties.

Community

The safety of residents in effected areas continues to be a key priority.

We have monitored the situation closely overnight and are keeping a watching brief as the situation develops. We anticipate improvement as the day progresses.

We have worked alongside multiple agencies, including Police, Fire and local Community Resilience Groups.

The Victoria and Albert Halls in Ballater opened as a rest centre overnight, and residents have been made aware. No evacuations have taken place, and the site has been made available purely as a precautionary measure.

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The Scout Hut in Aboyne has also opened as a rest centre. Both sites can be viewed as points of warmth and safety should it be needed by those who have experienced flooding in their home.

Roads

These conditions will bring hazardous driving conditions in effected areas – we would urge that people travel with extreme caution and only when necessary.

Do not travel through fast deep flowing water.

Please plan ahead and keep abreast of all updates shared on social media by both Aberdeenshire Council, Police Scotland, SEPA, and Traffic Scotland.

Handy phone numbers:

Power outages – via SSEN on 105

Non-urgent medical issues – via NHS on 111

Emergency council housing repairs - 03456 08 12 03

Emergency social care 03456 08 12 06

Stay Informed

Council sandbag locations - <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/flooding/sand-bags/>

Check the latest information on SEPA's regional Flood Alerts and local Flood Warnings at www.floodlinescotland.org.uk/floodupdates

Register for SEPA's free Floodline message service by calling 0345 988 1188 or by clicking www.floodlinescotland.org.uk

Check the three day Scottish Flood Forecast
<https://scottishfloodforecast.sepa.org.uk/public?d=2023-10-07-1502>

Check the latest advice on what to do to prepare for flooding at www.floodlinescotland.org.uk

Go to Ready.scot for practical tips and advice – and check in on those you know who may not have digital connections <http://bit.ly/RainandFlooding>

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