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<u>**FROM:**</u>	**NR**
<u>**DATE:**</u>	**February 2019**
<u>**TO:**</u>	**TEO Departmental Board**
<u>**TITLE**</u>	**Civil Contingencies Policy Branch (CCPB) – Approval sought for increase in baseline for staff.**
Issue:	**Insufficient staff in CCPB to carry out all work required to ensure that Northern Ireland is prepared for and can respond to any civil contingency on any scale.**
Timescale:	Urgent
Recommendation:	That you:

- Note and approve the request to increase the baseline within CCPB for the reasons outlined within this paper.

Background

1. CCPB's role is to work across the public sector to promote and encourage the development of effective emergency preparedness to mitigate the effects of a civil emergency on the public and the environment. In addition to its preparedness agenda CCPB facilitates the effective delivery of the central strategic crisis management arrangements within government to deal with the most serious types of emergencies.

2. These functions are informed by, and promoted through, close and ongoing liaison with key contacts in NI Civil Service departments, the emergency services, local government and other stakeholders within the UK and Ireland.

➤ the suite of civil contingency policy documents which CCPB have ownership of have not been fully revised since OFMDFM became TEO. This in itself is a huge piece of work.

➤ CCPB have not had the resources to attend numerous meetings to which they should have input in order to ensure affectively horizon scanning.

➤ There has been very limited engagement in terms of Critical National Infrastructure

➤ CCG (NI) Resilience Programme actions have not been taken forward

Staff Complement

7. The table below shows the staffing reductions in CCPB since 2001:

	DP	SO	EO1	EO2	AO	AA
2001	3	3	0	1	1	1
2007	3	3	0	2 (1 p/t)	1	0
2009	2	2	0	2 (1 p/t)	1	0
2014	1	3	0	2 (both p/t)	0	1
2015	1	2	0	2 (both p/t)	0	1
2020	1	2	0	2 (both p/t)	1	0
Approval Requested for:	4	4	1	2	2	0