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### **REPORT ON RECENT WORKS TO THE SEVERNSIDE SIREN SYSTEM**

Work has continued this year on the necessary repairs and maintenance of the Severnside Siren System to ensure continued longevity of the system.

The Trustees agreed to replace Siren 11 located at Redcliffe Bay in Portishead and the Informer Unit based at Shirehampton Primary School. Following commissioning, the Sirens were successfully proven at the monthly test on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

At a recent meeting of the Trustees, it was agreed to investigate connecting Siren 7, (Sevalco) in Avonmouth to mains electricity because the current solar/ wind arrangement causes an error on the computer system although to date the functionality of the siren has been unaffected.

In addition, the Trustees agreed to the erection of scaffolding on Siren 10 at Hallen and Siren 12 at Redcliffe Bay, Portishead so that the maintenance company can fully assess the Sirens and conduct any necessary maintenance.

During the year so far there have been a number of minor faults which have been rectified swiftly and successfully.

A team of willing volunteers which include the Trustees, attend the majority of the sirens on a monthly basis so that each one is monitored on a regular basis. This process is useful because each siren is monitored for overgrown vegetation and fly tipping as well as the sound the siren makes. The circulation of results each month to Trustees/ Siren monitors/ Emergency Planning Departments and COMAH sites has been sent out following each test day along with an update on progress.