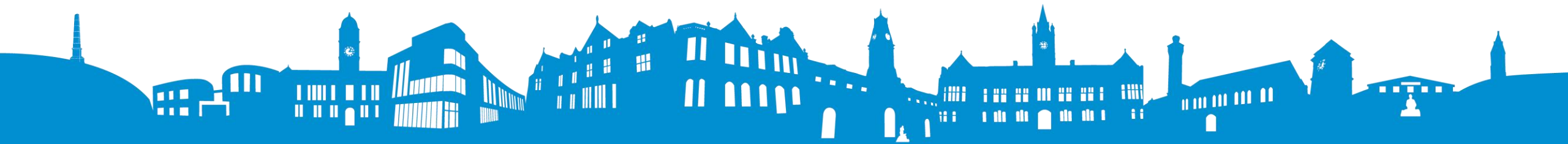


# Tornado Update

## January 2024



- Late in the evening of 27 December 2023, a T5 tornado was registered in Stalybridge. This incident was an element of storm Gerrit that impacted areas of the North West.
- The tornado was of short duration and an unexpected incident that caused significant damage to properties and also brought down trees resulting in further damage to properties, vehicles and roads in the area.
- A major incident, in line with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 was declared and a significant multi-agency response was mobilised throughout the night and the following days.
- A rest centre was established at Dukinfield Town Hall on the night of the event and the following day for any displaced residents. Only one family attended seeking support although not accommodation.
- Fortunately, there were no casualties as a result of the incident, and the major incident was stood down the following morning.

- Our emergency call centre received 1050 calls during the 24 hours following the incident – a period during which we would normally expect to see 200 calls.
- All properties were inspected by the evening of Thursday 28 December of which: -

Section 78 Notices Issued:	24
Section 77 Notices Issued:	107
No Notice Issued:	4
- A large number of properties owned by the Social Land Jigsaw (<https://www.jigsawhomes.org.uk/>) were also impacted and they are supporting residents with necessary remedial action.

# Our Response

- The Council brought in around 75 staff over the Christmas period, during which we would normally have a skeleton staff over Christmas closure.
- Street teams prioritised debris and fallen trees along our public highways ensuring they were safe and accessible before dealing with debris within fenced off areas.
- Street cleansing teams attended Hough Hill Road on the afternoon of 29 December to remove debris from the road and footpath.
- Of the 135 properties affected, only 23 remain uninhabitable as at 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024
- We will continue to connect with residents as their homes are repaired
- Application to the Forever Manchester Fund on behalf of affected 77/78 property owners. Communication will sent to residents in the next 10 days.







