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## West Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Panel 16 February 2012

### Community Preparedness

#### 1. Update

- 1.1 £2000 has been allocated through the St Edmundsbury Borough Council (SEBC) Rural Action Plan to a project to increase the resilience of rural communities. The money will fund a basic Local Emergency Kit that will be given to parishes and community groups that have developed a Local Emergency Plan in conjunction with the Joint Emergency Planning Unit (JEPU).
- 1.2 The same amount has been allocated from the Community Services budget at Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) to fund the same scheme in their area.
- 1.3 Initial workshops/meetings have been held in each area to explain what is involved with creating an Emergency Plan and to gain feedback on the type of equipment that they would find useful. Eleven communities within SEBC and seven within FHDC attended these initial sessions. These workshops will continue on a regular basis so that the interested communities can share ideas and best practice.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Panel are asked to promote this opportunity to their fellow Members and to raise awareness of it at the Parish/Town Council meetings they attend so as to encourage greater participation.

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