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West Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Panel 9 October 2012

Emergency Planning: Incidents and Exercises

1. Summary and Reasons for Recommendation

- 1.1 Four incidents have occurred during the period since the last Panel meeting with the most significant of these being the fire at Cupola House, Bury St Edmunds in June 2012.
- 1.2 Lessons Identified are being collated and will be shared amongst the agencies and organisations involved.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to **NOTE** the report.

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3.	Corporate Priorities
3.1	<p>The recommendation meets the following, as contained within St Edmundsbury Borough Council's (SEBC) Corporate Plan and Forest Heath District Council's (FHDC) Strategic Plan:-</p> <p>(a) SEBC Corporate Priority: <i>'Working together for strong, healthy and diverse communities'</i>; and</p> <p>(b) FHDC Strategic Priority: <i>'Community Development: Supporting stronger, more active communities'</i></p>
4.	Key Issues
4.1	<p>Haverhill Recycling Centre Fire on 27 February 2012: Due to the nature of the site the fire smouldered for a number of days and there were complaints from the local area about the smoke. In response, SEBC Environmental Health Officers liaised with Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service.</p>
4.2	<p>Severe Rainfall on 3 May 2012: A small number of properties in the Newmarket area were affected as a result of issues in the area of the No. 1 Drain.</p>
4.3	<p>Castle Hill School Fire on 3 June 2012: A fire at a derelict school in Haverhill, led to concerns over asbestos waste. SEBC Environmental Health Officers liaised with Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service to alleviate concerns. It was difficult to get in touch with the Out of Hours service over that weekend due to telephony issues which were resolved on the Monday morning.</p>
4.4	<p>Cupola House Fire on 17 June 2012: A major fire at premises in The Traverse, Bury St Edmunds occupied by Strada restaurant that resulted in significant impacts on local businesses and residents. The longer term Recovery aspects are still being addressed and a verbal update on the Multi-Agency Debrief and Lessons Identified session held on Friday 28 September 2012 will be provided at the meeting.</p>
5.	Other Options considered
5.1	N/A
6.	Community Impact
6.1	Crime and Disorder Impact N/A
6.2	Diversity and Equality Impact N/A
6.3	Sustainability Impact N/A
7.	Consultation (refer to the Consultation and Community Engagement Strategy)
7.1	N/A
8.	Resource implications (including asset management implications)
8.1	N/A

9. Risk/Opportunity Assessment *(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)*

9.1 N/A

Risk area	Inherent level of Risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual Risk (after controls)
	High/Medium/Low		High/Medium/Low

10. Legal or policy implications

10.1 N/A

Wards affected	All
Background Papers	None

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