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West Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Panel 9 October 2012

Community Preparedness

- 1. Summary and Reasons for Recommendation
- 1.1 Meetings with local community groups and Town and Parish Councils to promote Community Resilience and local planning are ongoing and the next formal Community Resilience Support Network meetings have been scheduled.
- 2. Recommendations
- 2.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that:-
 - (1) the content of the report be noted; and
 - (2) the forthcoming Community Resilience Support Network Meetings, as detailed in Section 4 of Report D157, be promoted with their Councillor colleagues and with Town and Parish Councils in St Edmundsbury Borough and Forest Heath District.

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3. Corporate Priorities

- 3.1 The recommendations meet the following, as contained within St Edmundsbury Borough Council's (SEBC) Corporate Plan and Forest Heath District Council's (FHDC) Strategic Plan:-
 - (a) SEBC Corporate Priority: 'Working together for strong, healthy and diverse communities'; and
 - (b) FHDC Strategic Priority: 'Community Development: Supporting stronger, more active communities'

4. Key Issues

- 4.1 Community Resilience Support Network Meetings have been arranged for 8 November 2012 at 6.00 pm at FHDC and on 15 November 2012 at 6.00 pm at SEBC. Invitations have been sent to Town and Parish Councils across the Borough and District. In addition to an update from the Emergency Planning Team and discussion about progress with local plans, the agenda includes a section on the Suffolk County Council Snow Clearance Initiative being run with Town and Parish Councils.
- 4.2 The number of Town and Parish Councils that are responding positively and engaging with the Community Resilience programme is increasing. Over the next 12 months it is anticipated that a number of outline/draft local plans will be finalised.
- 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
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10. Legal or policy implications

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Wards affected	All
Background Papers	None