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West Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Panel 9 October 2012

Training and Exercising

1. Summary and Reasons for Recommendation

- 1.1 Emergency Planning exercises have been limited to either larger, multi-agency scenarios or to meeting statutory requirements as opposed to testing in-house capabilities. It is anticipated that once the Joint Leadership Team and new service structures are in place a full training and exercising programme (for both Emergency Planning and Business Continuity) will be agreed.
- 1.1 A training schedule for the Emergency Planning Volunteers is in place and will be running until November 2012.

2. Recommendation

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

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<p>3. Corporate Priorities</p> <p>3.1 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>
<p>4. Key Issues</p> <p>4.1 EXERCISE REBOUND 29 February 2012: Successful county wide multi-agency Recovery exercise based on a major flood scenario. The exercise held in the Strategic Co-ordinating Centre at Police HQ Martlesham, was attended by representatives from all Suffolk local authorities, Police, Fire, Ambulance, NHS Suffolk, Environment Agency, Highways Agency, the voluntary sector and the insurance industry. The local authority is the lead agency for the Recovery Phase and in recognition of the fact that, in such a situation a number of significant decisions would require Portfolio Holder/Elected Member input, a number of councillors from across the county attended as observers. The exercise highlighted a number of Lessons Identified and these are being progressed through the Suffolk Resilience Forum and the Suffolk Chief Executives' Group as appropriate.</p> <p>4.2 CALOR SAXHAM OFFSITE PLAN EXERCISE 14 March 2012: A successful statutory exercise to test and validate the latest version of the plan as part of the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations.</p> <p>4.3 OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY TABLE TOP EXERCISE 28 May 2012: A multi-agency exercise for those agencies with a role to play during the Olympic Torch Relay.</p> <p>4.4 FORTHCOMING EXERCISES: The Suffolk Resilience Forum and the local Emergency Planners will be supporting Exercise OSMOSIS, a national exercise being conducted at RAF Honington in October 2012, and a USAF exercise being held at RAF Mildenhall in December 2012.</p>
<p>5. Other Options considered</p> <p>5.1 N/A</p>
<p>6. Community Impact</p> <p>6.1 Crime and Disorder Impact N/A</p> <p>6.2 Diversity and Equality Impact N/A</p> <p>6.3 Sustainability Impact N/A</p>
<p>7. Consultation (refer to the Consultation and Community Engagement Strategy)</p> <p>7.1 N/A</p>

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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