

Emergency Planning Joint Committee – 17 March 2022

General Update (inc Local Resilience Forum priorities)

<p>1</p>	<p>Local Resilience Forum (LRF) – Covid / Winter Pressures</p> <p>With the publication of the Government’s Living with Covid Strategy, and in the context of the reducing winter risks the LRF has stood down its coordination with effect 3 March 2022. Debrief arrangements are being made, and the Councils will, of course be integral to this.</p> <p>Council arrangements remain under review, including Debrief across a variety of stakeholders.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Ukraine</p> <p>A national LRF chairs call has confirmed that no LRF capability is required at this present time, however situation could potentially exacerbate some of the risks on our Community Risk Register, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cyber Risk - Whilst the National Cyber Security Centre are not aware of any current or specific threat, historically there has been a pattern of cyber attacks on Ukraine, with international consequences. With this in mind, this has been flagged across both Council’s and the existing work around cyber resilience and Disaster Recovery Planning continues.• Fuel Risk – Noting the UK received only 6% of its crude oil and 5% of its gas from Russia. However, planners are mindful of events unfolding and the potential to drive up prices with consequences as seen last year with irregular buying behaviors leading to short term shortages. The LRF fuel pan has recently been updated (this update is lead by the Shared Service), and in turn each Council local plan is currently being updated, with strengthened oversight on council business continuity and related mitigations.• Humanitarian Risk – Potential increased repatriations of UK nationals from Ukraine. The LRF Humanitarian Assistance Protocol is in place, and work has begun to explore capacity to respond to this locally should it occur.
<p>3</p>	<p>Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin</p> <p>Cumulative impacts were felt across South Yorkshire as a result of the storms (16 -21 March 2022), which included fallen trees, dangerous structures reports and flooding. A Flood Advisory Service teleconference was called on Saturday 19 February which indicated river levels could rise and be of similar scale to 2019. In response the South Yorkshire Tactical Coordinating Group (TCG) was established alongside Council TCG’s. Fortunately, Environment Agency worse case predictions did not come to fruition however a number of local flooding impacts were felt through Sunday into Monday morning. The peak river levels in Sheffield were around 1700 before moving into Rotherham and peaking around 2300 (Kilnhurst around 0100 Monday 21 February). Both Councils mobilised a response through Sunday and into Monday morning, which was delivered wholly using MS Teams capability. Indicatively this was received positively, and lessons are being captured through debrief processes currently underway – reports will be presented to respective Council Governance groups upon completion.</p>

4	<p>LRF Reform and the Levelling Up white paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The national Big Resilience Conversation over last Summer, and the review of the Civil Contingencies Act signals changes for local resilience.• Page 142 of the Levelling Up White Paper published this month gives Combined Authority Mayors a key leadership role in public safety and improving public health. As well as taking the lead on public safety and taking on the Police & Crime Commissioner role (where boundaries align), the paper gives all Combined Authorities a future role in local resilience as part of the work on resilience committed to in the Integrated Review.• We await further detail on this, and on wider LRF Reform proposals. These will first emerge in the Civil Contingencies Act Post Implementation Review (PIR) expected to be laid in Parliament by the end of March 2022.• From Spring 2022, there will be in-depth work around the PIR recommendations as part of the National Resilience Strategy work – including impact assessments and engagement with Lead Government Departments and LRFs.• From Summer 2022, we are likely to see movement towards reform delivery – with pathfinder and pilot projects – leading to reform from 2025 onwards with a new legislative foundation, a new funding settlement, and a new assurance regime.
5	<p>Council Governance Groups</p> <p>Governance Groups across both Councils continue to meet. Copies of agendas from the last meeting are attached for information.</p> <div data-bbox="344 1297 399 1360"></div> <p data-bbox="289 1367 461 1419">2022 03 01 SRMG Agenda.docx</p> <div data-bbox="548 1297 604 1360"></div> <p data-bbox="483 1367 672 1419">2022 02 02 Agenda RHSWG Group.docx</p>