
MEMBER TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This item is presented to Members following some interest in Emergency Planning training.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Recent Emergency Planning presentations to this Sub-Committee indicated that there is Member interest in training in this subject. This item outlines possible choices available to Members.
- 2.2 The co-incidental national review of Emergency Planning, with the possible consequences for shire Districts, offers an opportunity to heighten Member awareness of the function.

3 TRAINING TYPES

- 3.1 There are two means of training available to Members:

- In house
- External

In House training

- 3.2 An in house briefing session would appraise Members of the breadth of topics covered, and the reference works used. Currently these are:
- The Rabies Contingency Plan
 - The Essex Oil Plan
 - The Essex Emergency Response Plan
 - The Major Accident Hazard Pipelines Emergency Response Plan
 - The Essex Flood Plan
 - The (EA) Local Flood Warning Plan
 - Dealing with Disaster (Home Office)
 - Essex Emergency Services Co-ordinating group Emergency Procedures
 - The Exercise Planners Guide (Home Office)
 - Disaster Appeal Scheme (Red Cross)
 - Bradwell Emergency Plan and Handbook
 - Hazardous Materials Incidents Response Guide

Additionally Members would be briefed on the networking within the County. It would also be useful for Member opinions on how the Parishes could be more greatly involved with the District Emergency Plan. A briefing period, with time for questions and answers, should take no longer than two hours.

External Training

- 3.3 The Home Office Emergency Planning College at Easingwold, Yorkshire, runs a 3-day course Elected Members Seminar, twice a year. The [annex](#) to this report contains an extract from the current College prospectus.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There will be some staff time in preparing an in house briefing session. As the full Emergency Planning function lies with the County Council, Members may find input from County staff useful.
- 4.2 The cost of a three-day course at Easingwold is £308, which could be met from the Member Training Budget.

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Although there is no obligation on the part of Parishes to become involved with Emergency Planning, there could be value in exploring this area further, and extending the Parish Partnership.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**
- 1) That Emergency Planning feature as part of in house Member training.
 - 2) That Members determine a case for attendance at the Elected Members Seminar at the Home Office Emergency Planning College. (CPM)

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Background Papers:

Home Office Emergency Planning College Prospectus

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