

Email received about Resilience Plans

To all parish councils

The Idea behind Community Resilience was one of the 92 recommendations that came out of Sir Michael Pitts national review of how the devastating 2007 UK wide Floods were managed. The idea was that by having hyper localised plans that were Wholly created, owned and managed by individual communities. These plans would give the community a strong guidance document that would allow them to manage the early stages of any Major Incident, like flooding, until external help arrived.

I feel, whilst there is no legislative requirement to have a plan, that the having of said plan is vital. It would allow you as a community to be best prepared if the worse happens. It would give you contact numbers, a established management tree and guidance with what to do, if the an incident happens. That being said, the plans are big, normally around 40 pages. However, if you put the work in once, it is done and all that is needed to do is to review it once a year with quick updates. You should promote the plan in the community to get buy in, but the plan should not be publicly viewable due to the fact it will have peoples numbers on it (GDPR protection).

I, as the Emergency Planning Lead of this subject in Cheshire West, will support you throughout the creation of the plan. During the process I will provide you with a number of helpful documents on the way and a template of a plan which you can use as your own.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at rob.ruddock2@cheshiresharedservices.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

Rob Ruddock