

Report of the Interim Deputy Chief Executive

REVISION OF THE COUNCILLORS' EMERGENCY PLAN1. Purpose of report

To revise the Councillors' Emergency Plan so that councillors are aware of the Council's responsibilities under the Civil Contingencies Act and the role they can play before, during, and after an incident/emergency.

2. Detail

The Council has been involved in a number of emergency incidents/emergencies or has been made aware of, and placed on standby for them. On many of these events the Council have informed and on occasions sought active involvement from councillors. This was particularly useful during the Bramcote water main explosion in October 2010, by not only dealing with the hunger from the media, but providing a vital interface with the communities they serve and being well placed to pass information to and from local people affected by the event.

3. Legal requirement

The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 has elevated the Council to a Category 1 responder, the same level as the blue light services. The Act places 7 duties on local authorities, one of these duties is to plan a response to major civil emergencies.

4. Conclusion

The position of the Council is to continually develop its commitment to emergency planning. This Councillors' Emergency Plan has been revised to give support so that they can play a vital role in a civil emergency incident. The main changes from the previous plan were to update the terminology used for the command structure for a multi-agency response. The revised plan is circulated separately with the agenda.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the revised Councillors' Emergency Plan be approved.

Background papers

Nil