

# Equality Forum – Equity in Resilience

## Corporate Governance

## Emergency Planning

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# Aims

Aim is to:

Raise awareness of the Civil Contingencies Act

Highlight the requirements placed on  
Local Authorities by the Act

Outline the work of the Emergency Planning  
Team and the need for public awareness  
to civil resilience

# Civil Contingencies Act 2004

The CCA 2004 is the primary piece of legislation placing a duty on Local Authorities to plan both for the expected and the unexpected in terms of both Emergency Planning and Business Continuity.

# Civil Contingencies Act 2004

Local Authorities must make information available to the public about civil protection matters and maintain arrangements to warn, inform and advise the public in the event of an emergency or if an emergency is likely to occur

# Civil Protection Information

There are two elements to informing the public:

- providing information in advance, making communities aware of risks
- In the event of an emergency warning, informing and advising the public

# Risk Communication

We all consider a risk to be the chance of something unpleasant happening, a hazard, a source of danger or a 'gamble'

To not communicate to the public about the risks they may encounter, is 'risking' their ability to respond effectively

# Risk Communication

Having an awareness about the potential risks, enables choices for people.

- **to prepare** make a list of emergency numbers
- **to prevent** install flood equipment
- **to react better** to know instantly to stay in doors, close all windows and listen to the radio for more information

# Risk Communication

- The Council website has information on different emergencies, with leaflets to download and links to other sites
- Article in Novembers edition of the Boro News
- Leaflets and posters distributed at Council buildings, sports centres and libraries



# Civil Contingencies Act 2004

there is also a need to give regard to those who are vulnerable,

(as defined by the CCA 2004)

and to include those for whom English is not the primary language

# Warning and Informing - Vulnerable People – where we are at . . . . .

Lancashire Resilience Forum is currently working to establish how to warn and inform vulnerable people in the event of an emergency, by collating a list of sources of information on vulnerable people within the communities of Lancashire.

# Warning and Informing - Vulnerable People – where we are at . . . . .

To help overcome these issues, it is beneficial to make the Community more aware in advance.

The Equality Forum represents sub-communities who are more likely to have specific needs in order for the information to be accessible.

# Warning and Informing - Vulnerable People – being prepared

What I would like you to consider is whether civil resilience information is something that the groups you represent may be interested in learning about?

Any questions?