

# Community Resilience & Emergency Planning

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# Local Authority Statutory requirements

- Civil Contingencies Act 04
- Local Government Act 2000
- The 1989 Local Government Housing Act and the 1996 Housing Act

# Local Council responsibilities

- Set up Rest centres , and help with the provision of emergency temporary accommodation
- Produce borough response plans for the top risks
- Work to support emergency services
- Inform the public and community support

# Why do we need community resilience plans?

- Emergency services prioritise those in greatest need
- You and your community may be affected, but your life not in immediate danger

# How is Climate change affecting emergency planning?

- Warmer and wetter
- More volatile weather patterns
- Increased sea level

These changes in weather could cause increased likelihood of flooding and severe weather events which affect our local communities.

# Essex summer temperatures 2016

- Summer: 17.5<sup>°</sup>C (16.7<sup>°</sup>C)
- June: 15.7<sup>°</sup>C (15.1<sup>°</sup>C)
- July: 18.2<sup>°</sup>C (17.5<sup>°</sup>C)
- August: 18.5<sup>°</sup>C (17.4<sup>°</sup>C)

# Essex summer rainfall 2016

- Spring: 163mm (126%)
- Summer: 161mm (111%)
- June: very wet with 116mm (243%)
- July: dry with 24mm (53%)
- August: dry with 20mm (40%)

## 30 Year: Long Term Annual Average

- 1961 to 1990: 574mm
- 1971 to 2000: 575mm
- 1981 to 2010: 587mm



# Essex temperatures

Warmest year on record since 1910:

- 2014: 11.8 ° C
- 2011: 11.4 ° C
- 2006: 11.1 ° C
- 2002: 11.2 ° C

(2015: 11.1 ° C in 8th place)

How resilient is your community?

What can you do to help build  
resilience?

# Workshop 1

- What do you think the top risks for Essex are?  
(5 mins)
- Identify what you think are the top risks in  
your community / to your household / family?  
(5 mins)
- Feedback and discussion (5 mins)



Flooding (Coastal)



Influenza –type disease (Pandemic)



Severe Weather / snow / cold / heatwave



Industrial Accidents – Env Pollution



Electricity disruption

# Workshop 2 – community grps and Parish / Town Councils

- Identify where your most vulnerable groups are and how they could be identified

(5 mins)

- Identify what key resources / people skills could be available within your community

(5 mins)

- Feedback and discussion (5 mins)

## Workshop 2 – General public

- Who are your most vulnerable family / household members, what extra help may they require?

(5 mins)

- Identify what key items you could include in a family emergency grab bag.

(5 mins)

- Feedback and discussion (5 mins)

# Useful links for extra resources

- <http://www.preparedinessex.co.uk/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-emergencies/preparing-for-emergencies>
- <https://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk>
- Met office – National Severe Weather Service – warnings and advice
- Water companies / National Power Network offer special services for the vulnerable – check out their websites for more details.

Any questions?