

Community Emergency Plan Validation

Facilitators Sheet



Exercise Beech - Scenario Part 1

Tabletop Flooding Exercise



It is 11:30 on Wednesday 18th November.

Cumbria has been experiencing prolonged spells of wet weather for several weeks. The Met Office have been warning of severe weather conditions due to arrive over Cumbria over the next 12 to 24 hours. Severe weather warnings have been issued by the Met Office and the Environment Agency.

Although most of Cumbria is experiencing rain, it is Central Cumbria that is forecast to experience severe and prolonged storm/gale conditions. The rest of Cumbria are also predicted to experience similar weather conditions. BBC Local Radio has been advising communities to be prepared, take all necessary precautions and to continue to tune to local radio for further updates.

Considerations

Think about the potential consequences and activation levels?

Communications - warning and informing.

Additional challenges on elements of your plan when the emergency services are under pressure elsewhere?

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Prompt Questions for Facilitator or Director:

- a) What key actions should be taken at this point?
- b) Who is responsible for activating the Community Emergency Plan?
- c) Who needs to be informed at this stage:
 - a. Within the local community?
 - b. Within the wider community?
- d) What priority, if any is given to the order in which people are called?
- e) How will these people be informed?
- f) What records need to be kept?

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At the end of the midday news on BBC Radio Cumbria, the following statement is read out:-
“There is concern over the anticipated volumes of rainfall expected over the next 12-24 hours over parts of Central Cumbria. Large rainfall accumulations have already been observed and it is believed that catchments and rivers will not have fully drained before further rainfall arrives. There is therefore the potential for a large number of flood watches, flood warnings and some severe flood warnings to be issued. Current forecasts suggest a high risk of significant property flooding in the county.”

Considerations

Activation of the plan, and continuing to inform the community of the situation.

Vulnerable members of the community.

Forward planning.

Prompt Questions for Facilitator or Director:

- How will the local response be coordinated at this point and by whom
- How will the local and wider community be kept informed at this point?

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The weather is no starting to clear, but it is after 6pm and dark. Several properties in the local area have flooded, but the water is starting to recede and access will soon be reinstated to the area. Using the decisions made it is time to think about recovery.

Considerations

How to stand down the response.

Forward planning.

Prompt Questions for Facilitator or Director:

- a) How will the local and wider community be kept informed at this point and going forward?

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Desktop based Severe Weather Exercise

Debrief Questions

- What were the 2 least successful aspects of the communities planned response?
- What were the 2 most successful aspects of the communities planned response?
- What are the 2 most significant things I have learned?
- How can my community use this learning / experience to improve our future planned response?