

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2013****Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR PROMOTING INDENDENCE  
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION****REVIEW AND UPDATE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ELECTED MEMBERS EMERGENCY PLAN****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek comment and approval from the Community Safety Committee on the revised Elected Members Emergency plan, and consider that the emergency planning team arrange for a training and awareness raising event(s) for all Elected Members. The Chair of the Committee is also invited to provide the foreword to the plan.

**Information and Advice****Elected Members' Emergency Plan 2013**Revision of existing NCC Elected Members' Emergency Plan

2. Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) has an excellent record of planning for and responding to emergencies and is a key partner in the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Resilience Forum (LRF). A number of tried and tested NCC and LRF plans now exist that cover a wide range of incidents and emergencies. The NCC Elected Members Plan provides key information and advice for Members.
3. The plan aims to provide Elected Members with a clear overview of how emergency planning, response and recovery are coordinated in Nottinghamshire and outlines how Elected Members can play an important role.
4. Updates to this version of the plan include additional information on the role the community can play in planning for and responding to emergencies (section 2), additional information on the role of Elected Members in the recovery process (section 4) and guidance on the use of social media during emergencies (section 5).
5. Previous versions of the plan did include some specific information around risks and hazards. However, for more detail on risks to communities Members should now refer to the Local Resilience Forum Community Risk Register (available from the emergency planning team or on the LRF website [www.nottsprepared.gov.uk](http://www.nottsprepared.gov.uk)).

### Training for Elected Members

6. In previous years the emergency planning team has offered and delivered training events to enable Elected Members to develop their understanding of emergency planning and response and to help them prepare for their role in providing support and leadership to Nottinghamshire communities affected by emergencies. The last of these sessions was held in November 2009. It is proposed by the emergency planning team that a similar event is held this business year. Previous events have been run over a half day with a mixture of presentation and group work. However, the team can be flexible on how and when this training could be delivered in the future.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are included in the report.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee:

- 1) Approve the revised and updated version of the Nottinghamshire County Council Elected Members Emergency Plan.
- 2) Consider the need for training/awareness raising for Elected Members and provide feedback to the emergency planning team on how they would like this to be delivered.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 05/06/13)**

8. Community Safety Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

### **Financial Comments (KS 06/06/13)**

9. There are no financial implications contained within the report.

**Background Papers**

None.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.