

IMPROVING EXTREME WEATHER PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE: EMERGENCY PLANNING THROUGH A 'WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY' APPROACH

Online Live Webinar

Wednesday 27th March 2024



Key Speakers



Cabinet Office Briefing Rooms

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Overview

The global climate crisis has already resulted in a marked increase in extreme weather events in the UK in recent years, bringing significant challenges for national and local services across the country. Recent analysis carried out for the *Climate Change Committee* (CCC) suggests that 'at least eight climate change risks may each have a cost of more than £1 billion a year by 2050', with particular concerns around the impact of flooding on businesses and high temperatures on health and wellbeing. These risks have highlighted the critical role that effective resilience structures, partnership relationships and the coordination between agencies play in preparing for and recovering from increasingly dangerous and life-threatening weather events.

In December, the Government published the **UK Government Resilience Framework: 2023 Implementation Update**, reiterating its commitment to the 'whole-of-society' approach to resilience, ensuring that individuals, businesses and local communities are empowered to prepare for and respond to emergencies. However, a new *National Audit Office* report: **Government Resilience: Extreme Weather**, also published in December, found that whilst improvements are being made to embed a 'whole-of-society' approach, more work urgently needs to be done to improve national preparedness for extreme weather events.

This timely online live conference provides a valuable opportunity for key partners from local authorities, emergency planning/civil contingencies, local resilience forums (LRFs), the police, health, fire and rescue services, private and third sectors and other key statutory agencies to understand and examine how a 'whole-of-society' approach can be central to delivering effective multi-agency resilience structures that are fit-for-purpose. The webinar will also examine the key findings and recommendations in the *National Audit Office* report, as well as the *UK Government Resilience Framework: 2023 Implementation Update*. This online conference offers an ideal platform to learn from innovative best practice and share ideas with fellow participants on how to identify gaps in existing measures, improve communication and information sharing and work to deliver more effective responses to the increasingly dangerous weather events that we will face.



Why Attend?

- Live webinar featuring presentations and panel discussions with a wide range of policymakers, experts from across the emergency planning, resilience, civil contingencies and national and local government
- Explore the impact of the *UK Government Resilience Framework: 2023 Implementation Update* and the current *Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Pilot Programmes*
- Driving improvements in extreme weather preparedness: Examining the *National Audit Office* report
- Analyse the role that a 'whole-of-society' approach can play in improving resilience frameworks
- Explore the lessons learned from recent extreme weather events
- Interactive *Question Time* sessions with opportunities to engage with all speakers
- Share ideas with fellow participants from local authorities, local resilience forums, emergency planning / civil contingencies, the police, fire and rescue services, health, the private and third sectors
- *On Demand* – Exclusive access to speaker presentations and post-event resources



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09:30 AM	Delegate Online Login
10:00 AM	Introduction by Webinar Organiser
10:05 AM	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deborah Higgins, <i>Head, Emergency Planning College, Cabinet Office</i>
10:10 AM	Keynote Session: Building Long-Term Resilience for Extreme Weather – The National Picture <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Exploring the <i>UK Resilience Framework: Implementation Update 2023</i> and its progress on improving resilience to extreme weather events➤ National preparedness for and response to extreme weather events➤ Examining the <i>Local Resilience Forums (LRFs) Pilot Programme</i> - Strengthening the role of LRFs through better leadership, accountability and integration➤ Prioritising a 'whole of society' approach to resilience – Ensuring key partners from the public, private and voluntary sectors understand key national risks and their role in preparing for and responding to them <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roger Hargreaves, <i>Director of COBR (COBRA) Unit, National Security Secretariat, Cabinet Office</i>
10:35 AM	Keynote Session: Questions and Discussion
11:00 AM	Comfort Break
11:10 AM	Panel Session One: Improving Prevention and Preparedness for Extreme Weather Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Understanding the risks posed by the climate change crisis and its impact on the frequency and severity of extreme weather events➤ Enhancing local and national flood and extreme weather forecasting and warning services➤ Meeting the challenge – Managing more frequent, severe, simultaneous and interconnected emergencies➤ Improving the resilience of water, energy, transport and digital infrastructure systems➤ Developing a shared understanding of risk to successfully anticipate, prepare for and recover from extreme weather events <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caroline Douglass, <i>Executive Director for Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency</i>• Jon Chappell, Senior Policy Adviser, National Infrastructure Commission• Carolyn Otley MBE, Community Resilience Coordinator, Cumbria CVS
11:55 AM	Panel Session One: Questions and Discussion
12:20 PM	Comfort Break

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	Programme Cont'd
1:00 PM	<p>Panel Session Two: Getting it Right – Building Stronger Resilience Frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enhancing national resilience arrangements – Analysing the key findings and recommendations in the <i>National Audit Office</i> report ➤ Improving coordination between key emergency services to limit the impact of extreme weather incidents on communities, homes and businesses, especially in challenging remote and urban settings ➤ Updating worst-case scenario planning that takes into account of intersecting risks ➤ Examining key joint-working principles to create a successful response to extreme weather events: co-locate, communicate, co-ordinate, jointly understand risk, and shared situational awareness ➤ Ensuring vital fail-safe technologies and systems are in place during and in the aftermath of extreme weather emergencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sian Jones, <i>Director of Value for Money Cross Government</i>, National Audit Office • Mfon Akpan, <i>Lead, Financial and Risk Management Hub</i>, National Audit Office • Bethan Morgan, <i>Director of Civil Contingencies</i>, Staffordshire Civil Contingencies Unit
1:35 PM	Panel Session Two: Questions and Discussion
2:00 PM	Comfort Break
2:15 PM	<p>Panel Session Three: Driving Everyday Preparedness through a 'Whole-of-Society' Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Utilising existing community structures and establishing new partnerships to develop effective 'whole-of-society' frameworks ➤ Mapping out the key services and capabilities local businesses, voluntary organisations and other key partners can provide during emergencies ➤ Improving joined-up working through partnerships and data-sharing agreements between local resilience forums, local authorities, police, fire and rescue and health ➤ Ensuring resilience structures effectively support people and communities, particularly from underrepresented groups, who may be disproportionately impacted ➤ Delivering business and service continuity during an extreme weather incident <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Samwell, <i>Senior Emergency Response Officer North East</i>, British Red Cross • Ago de Sousa, <i>Lead, Extreme Events and Health Protection (EEHP) Team</i>, UK Health Security Agency • Jon Vangorph, <i>Head of Partnerships</i>, VCS Emergencies Partnership
3:05 PM	Panel Session Three: Questions and Discussion
3:30 PM	Final Questions and Chair's Summary & Closing Comments
3:40 PM	End of Online Conference

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