

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

4<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### **CIVIL PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY CAPABILITY – PROPOSED SHORT SHARP REVIEW**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Joe Baker, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Regulatory Services.
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No.
Relevant director	Deputy Chief Executive
Ward(s) Affected	All wards.

#### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

This report provides Members with an opportunity to consider a proposal that has been received for Members to undertake a Short, Sharp Review of the Council's civil contingencies arrangements.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to approve one of the following options:

- 1) Subject to any changes agreed during the meeting, the proposed Civil Protection and Emergency Capability Short, sharp Review be launched.
- 2) Members receive a presentation on the subject of civil contingency arrangements in the Borough at a forthcoming meeting (or meetings) of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3) No further action be taken by Overview and Scrutiny Members in respect of this matter.
- 4) Alternative action, to be identified and clearly specified during the meeting, be taken in relation to this matter.

#### **3. KEY ISSUES**

##### **Background**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee can launch reviews of a range of topics. To ensure best use of resources Members are encouraged to focus on subjects that address the needs of the local community.
- 3.2 Civil contingency arrangements have become the focus of public attention nationally following the fire at Grenfell Tower in London in July 2017.

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### **Financial Implications**

- 3.3 There are no direct financial implications for the Council.

### **Legal Implications**

- 3.4 There are no direct legal implications for the Council.

### **Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.5 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note that as agreed in 2016/17 whilst meetings of the working groups continue to take place there are only sufficient officer resources to facilitate one Task Group or short sharp review at any one time.
- 3.6 The Homelessness Short, Sharp Review that is currently taking place is scheduled to be completed in September 2017. Therefore this proposed review, if it is approved by Members, could be launched in September.

### **Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.7 One of the key principles of Overview and Scrutiny identified by the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), a charity which specialises in scrutiny matters nationally, is that it should reflect the voice and concerns of the public and local communities to be heard. A review of this subject might help to reassure the public that the Council is making every effort to ensure that similar events to the Grenfell Tower incident do not occur in Redditch.

## **4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

No specific risks have been identified.

## **5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Civil Protection and Emergency Capability Short, Sharp Review – Scoping Document.

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