

Improvement Project: Community Resilience Plans
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Project Lead: Dave McIntosh
<p>Aim statement (What? By how much? By when?) <i>What exactly are you aiming to achieve?</i></p> <p>To support three housing communities (to be defined, possibly within localities) to develop their own community resilience plan by Dec 2018.</p>
<p>Link to Local Outcome Improvement Plan/ Locality Plans:</p> <p>This project links to the prosperous place theme within the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-26, specifically to the priority Empowered, Resilient and Sustainable Communities and the improvement aim to increase the no. of communities with Resilience plans in place.</p>
<p>Business case <i>What research can you draw on to justify why you are investing in this project?</i></p> <p>Emergencies happen. In the last few years, Scotland has experienced severe winter weather, flooding, travel disruption, fuel shortages, animal diseases, and a pandemic flu outbreak. Challenges like these affect us all in going about our daily lives, and every community has a different reason for wanting to plan to get through them.</p> <p>How communities organise themselves to prepare for emergencies can make a big difference. The Guide to Emergency Planning for Community Groups shows how communities can make that difference by coming together to support each other. It can be used by any community organisation - or by a group of people in a community who want to be more prepared. At the heart of how communities get through emergencies is how 'resilient' they are - this means how well they can use their strengths to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.</p> <p>More resilient communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are aware of risks that may affect them and how vulnerable they are to them • use their existing skills, knowledge and resources to prepare for, and deal with, the consequences of emergencies • work together to complement the work of the local emergency responders before, during and after an emergency <p>Scottish Government's Resilience Division's Strategic Framework and Delivery Plan 2017-21 sets out a vision for community resilience in Scotland. The Grampian Local Resilience Partnership has developed a Community and Business Resilience Strategy which identifies community resilience as a work stream.</p>
<p>Measures: (How will we know if a change is an improvement?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of plans (Baseline: 1 plan in Culter and 1 pending in Cults, Bielside and Milltimber) • No. of community resilience groups established (Baseline: 2 – as above) • No. of people within the community who are aware of community resilience (community survey, no. community members attending events, web hits, no. of newsletters which include an article) • No. of people who feel that community resilience is the responsibility of individuals and groups within the community

- No. of groups which feel supported by public services to take forward community resilience
- No. of community resilience groups attended by Emergency Planning Team
- No. of community resilience groups attended by other public services

Change ideas (What can we do that will result in improvement?)

- Local adaption of Scottish Government Toolkit for communities in Aberdeen
- Develop 'Ready Grampian' website to promote community resilience and provide more information
- Hold community events in defined test areas
- Grab Bags for new community groups (Bags for new community groups – yellow waistcoats, foil blankets, torches, wind up radios)
- Building community resilience networks between existing groups e.g. neighbourhood watch through an event

Potential Barriers (What are the barriers to you making these changes)

- Willingness of communities to be persuaded about need for community resilience plans
- Willing resource within communities to lead on community resilience planning

Project Team: *Who is going to help carry out the improvement work?*

Dave McIntosh, Emergency Planning Manager, ACC (Project Lead)
 Donna Mclean, Emergency Planning Officer, ACC (Project Manager)
 Shona Horne, SSE
 Localities contact TBC
 Housing contact TBC
 Others from Local Resilience Partnership as required
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