

6.6 Community Recovery Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Community Recovery Committee is to reflect community concerns, feelings and initiatives and assist in informing the wider community of the work being undertaken.

Role

The role of the Community Recovery Committee is to:

- Assist in the Community Impact Assessment process
- Reflect community concerns, feelings and initiatives and bring these to the attention of the RCG
- Assist in informing the wider community of discussions and the progress of the recovery phase
- Liaise with the business community and take their concerns to the Business and Economic Recovery Sub-Group
- Engage with the community during the recovery process

Chair & Secretariat

This sub-group should be chaired by a senior officer (director level) from a Local Authority who specialises in community engagement within their authority. The minute taker should be provided by the organisation that provides the chair.

Membership

Representatives (as appropriate) from the following organisations/groups should be invited to be a part of the Community Recovery Committee:

- Local Elected Members
- Local Authority Community Engagement
- Local Authority Schools Service
- Essex Police
- Integrated Care Boards
- Representatives from other subgroups
- Other organisations as appropriate

NOTE: *Additional Community Recovery Groups may be required if many communities are affected. In this instance the Committee will act as a co-ordinating group.*

Issues to Address

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- Community needs
- Community based/focused initiatives
- Emotional and mental health of affected communities
- Widespread community concerns
- Communication between agencies and the community
- Insurance issues
- Local business issues

Questions

- What are the main community concerns?
- What are the needs of the community?
- What community initiatives are already underway?
- If affecting a large area have appropriate sub-committees/groups been established to engage with as much of the community as possible?

Actions

- Assess the overall impact on the community
- Establish and assist the formation of Community Recovery Groups as required
- Support the establishment of public appeals, anniversaries and memorials
- Promote community self-sustainability
- Promotion of community confidence
- Advise the RCG and relevant sub-groups on the communities concerns and requirements