12 June 2018 at 7.30 pm

Conference Room, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Housing & Health Advisory Committee

Further to the despatch of agenda and papers for the above meeting, please find attached the following background documents

Update on temporary accommodation and emergency planning provision (Pages 1-6)

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MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN
Version 12.0

Part 6.2
Housing and Homelessness Plan

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Part 6.2 – Housing and Homelessness Plan

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1.1 - GENERAL

People may to be evacuated from their homes for the duration of an emergency and possibly for part of any recovery phase.

Part 8.1 The *Evacuation, Shelter and Immediate Care Plan* deals with immediate care and shelter and this Part deals with the longer term issues.

This duty comes from Section 189 (1)(d) of the Housing Act 1996:

> *189 Priority need for accommodation*
> *(1) The following have a priority need for accommodation—*
>> *(a) ……*
>> *(b) ……*
>> *(c) ……*
>> *(d) a person who is homeless or threatened with homelessness as a result of an emergency such as flood, fire or other disaster.*

This plan provides further guidance for longer term housing issues for those displaced for a longer period of time.

Clearly, some people that are displaced by the emergency will be accommodated by friends or relatives. Others may be provided with alternative accommodation under their insurance policies. This will reduce the number needing to be accommodated by the District Council.

1.2 – MUTUAL AID

If demand exceeds capacity, assistance can be sought from other Kent District and Borough Councils under the Mutual Aid Agreement (See *Appendix 1, District Major Emergency Plan*). Assistance may be sought from other non-Kent local authorities although Sevenoaks District Council currently does not have any formal mutual aid arrangements with any councils outside Kent.

2.1 - SOLUTIONS

The solution chosen will depend on the number of people displaced and the length of time they will be displaced. Clearly, this may vary considerably by their location and the nature of the emergency, and a flexible range of solutions will be required.

Additional accommodation outside of the Sevenoaks District may need to be acquired under the Mutual Aid Agreement.

2.2 - SHORTER-TERM TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

This could be a combination of the following types
- Bed and breakfast
- Hotel
- College campus (e.g. Sevenoaks School)
- Caravan park
- Holiday camp (none in Sevenoaks District)
- Military barracks (none in Sevenoaks District)
- Other suitable premises

2.3 - LONGER-TERM TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

This could be a combination of the following types
- Voids within local authority housing and Registered Social Landlord stock
- Privately rented accommodation – including
  - holiday lets
  - bed and breakfast
  - park homes
- Hotel accommodation
- Hire of mobile home/touring accommodation on resident's property
- Hire of mobile home/touring accommodation on other suitable sites
- Accommodation procured through Community Resilience. See http://www.communityresilience.cc/
- Empty homes from other sources.

'Empty homes from other sources' could include canvassing estate agents for homes on the market and not sold, repossessions, etc. that could be rented for the short duration of this requirement.
There are a considerable number of unoccupied houses in the District, some of which may be rentable as above. It is acknowledged that a proportion of these empty houses are uninhabitable for various reasons.

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