

Item 06 – Government’s Resilience Framework

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 13 June 2023. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee (13 June 2023, Minute 13)

Members considered the report which provided an update on the UK Government Resilience Framework which had been published in December 2022. The new framework was built around three fundamental principles: a need for a shared understanding of the risks we face; focus on prevention and preparation; and that resilience requires a whole of society approach. The Government framework proposed a number of fundamental changes to the current local arrangements for resilience forums and accountability.

The Head of Direct Services advised that the framework was the first articulation of how the UK Government would deliver on a new strategic approach to resilience. He further highlighted to Members that the multi-agency work across planning, preparation, response and recovery at the local level would continue to be the building block of the UK’s resilience. All risks and emergencies and their impacts were local; only some are regional or national.

In recognition of the central, and growing, role of Local Resilience Forum (LRF) and to ensure that all parts of England could anticipate, prevent, prepare for, respond, and recover from risks and emergencies, the UK Government planned to work to significantly strengthen LRFs. The Kent Resilience Forum had been recognised as current best practice. The three pillars to the reform were Leadership, Accountability, and Integration of resilience into the UK’s levelling up and growth mission and wider local policy and place making.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the report be noted.