

## Emergency Planning Information

## Appendix 1

1. The Permanent fixed Post of Senior Emergency Planning Officer recruitment has been agreed and that process will start beginning of January 24 following the retirement of that post holder.
2. The Medway Council Heatwave Emergency Plan was researched and re-written to cover seasons from 1 June– 15 September 2023. The team assisted the Consultant Public Health in developing the Cold Weather Plan for 1 November 2023 – 31 March 2024. These plans are refreshed each season to reflect the arrangements set out in the National NHS & UK Health Security Agency National Emergency Plans.
3. A live test was conducted on the alerting systems that would be used in the event of an external emergency associated with an emergency at the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) site on the Isle of Grain. This test is carried out on an annual basis, last held on 06 July 2023.
4. As an upper Tier Authority Medway Council has, the duty of reviewing rewriting and testing elements of the Hazardous Pipeline Emergency Plan, this action took place in 2023 resulting in the confirmatory Exercise (Ex Zues 2023) being run on the behalf of Kent and Medway on 26 June 23.
5. The Emergency Planning team continues to monitor the Severe Weather Warnings and Alert Service, jointly run by the Meteorological Office and NHS/UK Health Security Agency, which advises Council services and voluntary organisations when trigger levels are met. To date response and action has been necessary on the following occasions: (As of 12 Dec 23)

Thunderstorms Storms/Wind	Cold/Snow	Rain	Heatwave
11 April 23	18 Jan 23	09 May 23	08 June 23
09 May 23	20 Jan 23	12 May 23	12 June 23
08 June 23	26 Jan 23	11 Jun 23	16 June 23
16 June 23	3 Feb 23	04 July 23	23 June 23
13 July 23	2 Mar 23	5 Aug 23	07 July 23
17 Aug 23	7 Mar 23 Snow	18 Aug 23	10 Aug 23
12 Sep 23	30 Nov 23	01 Sep 23	14 Aug 23
<b>Storm Agnus</b> 27 Sep 23	1 Dec 23 Snow	12 Sep 23	
<b>Storm Babet</b> 18 Oct 23		20 Sep 23	
<b>Storm Ciaran</b> 29 Oct 23		01 Oct 23	
<b>Storm Debi</b> 13 Nov 23		26 Oct 23	
<b>Storm Elin</b> 9 Dec 23		04 Nov 23	
		15 Nov 23	
		17 Nov 23	
		06 Dec 23	

6. The Early part of 2023 saw a concentration generated by Central Government on two Power Related Issues:

- Electrical Power Outage due to demand out stripping supply this may be to regional areas such as all of Kent.
- Electric Power Rationing, this will again be a planned event where the Government would allow the electric supply utility companies to cut off power to areas effecting up to 150,000 properties on an organised schedule for a number of days.

As a result, Medway Council to ensure Critical Business Continuity engaged MeMs/Tunnel Contractor in carrying out Electric Generator Surveys at the following Locations:

- Gunwharf.
  - Registry Office.
  - Crematorium.
  - Medway Tunnel.
7. The Kent Resilience Forum has carried out a review which includes duties of the Kent Resilience Team. As a result, the training programme has less opportunities in which Council Officers can attend However, the Emergency Planning Team has arranged for senior officers from across the Council to attend the following multi-agency events:
- Multi Agency Gold Incident Command (MAGIC) Course – April 24 (2 Officers).
  - KRF Winter Preparedness Workshop – 07 September 23 (4 Officers).
  - Emergency Planning Collage Multi Agency Recovery Training July 23 (1 Officer).
8. The Emergency Planning team has provided additional internal training and represented Medway Council at the following Exercises:
- MCG Control Centre Grain Siren & Rapid Reach – July 23
  - Internal Emergency Shelter Training – 24 May 23
9. The Emergency Planning Team has also added officers/expertise to other organisations Critical Training Exercises where the officers directly contributed to:
- The training of Kents Tactical Commanders, 8 March 23.
  - Ex Hiertan, Regional Hospital Evacuation Ex, 29 June 23.
  - Ex Artemis Animal Health Exercise 10 April 23 (Trading Standards).
  - Military Preparedness Exercise (Medway was the focus) 18 Oct 23.
10. The Team were involved with the following Major Exercise:
- Ex Mighty Oak (National Power Outage) 28 March 23.
  - Network Rail Tunnel Exercise (31 May 23).
  - Flood Ex 2023 (01 Mar 23).
11. The Emergency Planning team has represented the Council on 19 separate standing Kent Resilience Forums (KRF) groups and task and finish groups, which are established as and when necessary, to undertake specific projects. These Groups are consolidated by means

of a KRF Delivery Groups Day which incorporates the three core function Groups, Plans and capabilities, Risk and Exercise & Training.

12. Throughout the year the Team has responded to a number (31) of flood alerts ranging from:
  - Surface Water – 20 events.
  - Coastal – 10 events.
  - Ground – 1 sustained event.
  
13. The Team has contributed to the following emergency plans/reports:
  - Local Multi Agency Flood Plan for Medway Complete.
  - Kent Resilience Forums Review.
  - Pan Kent Strategic Emergency Response Plan.
  - Kent & Medway Shoreline Pollution Plan.
  - Mass Fatalities Plan
  
14. Other Projects the Team has been involved with are:
  - Avian Flu Monitoring (Animal Health)
  - Department for Transport planned works to the SS Montgomery (anomaly investigation prior to removal of the visible mast structure).
  - National Test of UK Emergency Alert system 23 April 23.
  - Council readiness for Counter Terrorism Threat Level changes and Incidents including passing information to relevant managers about the imminent “Martyns Law (This law may affect how we protect public buildings, spaces and all Events).
  - The Monitoring of Animal Diseases such as:
    - Avian Flu.
    - Blue Tongue.
  - Effects from Industrial Action throughout 2023.
  - NHS Ex, Melville, Medway Hospital Full Evacuation 02 November 23. (Cancelled due to bad Weather, Storm)
  
15. Physical response coordinating Council Actions/Resources at the following Incidents:
  - Power Surge followed by a Power Cut to 440 houses in the Wayfield area starting 08 Aug 23.
  - Water Supply Emergency to ME2 Strood possibly affecting 1500 properties.
  - Mobility Scooter fire affecting 9 flats in Brompton, Gillingham 10 Aug 23.
  
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