

Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 recommendations relevant for West Sussex County Council consideration through the Resilience and Emergencies Team

Recommendation 42, Paragraph 113.67. With regards to the Civil Contingency Act 2004: -

“That the regulation be amended to require Category 1 responders to establish and maintain partnerships with the voluntary, community and faith organisations in the areas in which they are responsible for preparing for and responding to emergencies.”

Recommendation 43, Paragraph 113.69

“The current guidance on preparing for emergencies is contained in several documents, all of which are unduly long and in some respects out of date. We recommend that the guidance be revised, reduced in length and consolidated in one document which lays greater emphasis on the need for those leading the response to consider the requirements for recovery, the need to identify vulnerable people, the importance of identifying and ensuring co-operation with voluntary, community and faith groups and is consistent with the Equality Act 2010.”

Recommendation 44, Paragraph 113.69

“That regard for humanitarian considerations be expressly recognised by making it the ninth principle of effective response and recovery.”

Recommendation 45, Paragraph 113.70

“Although each London borough is a separate Category 1 responder, there are arrangements for promoting resilience across the capital as a whole, in particular through the London Local Authority Gold arrangements. Events demonstrated, however, that there is a need for a clearer understanding of the nature of the London Gold arrangements, in particular in situations in which a single borough is affected. We therefore recommend that the guidance on the operation of those arrangements be revised, and that existing and newly appointed chief executives be given regular training to ensure they are familiar with its principles.”

Recommendation 46, Paragraph 113.71

“That local resilience forums adopt national standards to ensure effective training, preparation and planning for emergencies and adopt independent auditing schemes to identify deficiencies and secure compliance.”

Recommendation 47, Paragraph 113.71

“That a mechanism be introduced for independently verifying the frequency and quality of training provided by local authorities and other Category 1 responders.”

Recommendation 48, Paragraph 113.73

“That local authorities train all their employees, including chief executives, to regard resilience as an integral part of their responsibilities.”