

South Yorkshire Societal Resilience Project Overview

1. Introduction

- 1.1. One of the three core principles within the new National Resilience Strategy, and consequently one of the highest priorities for South Yorkshire's Local Resilience Forum (LRF), is helping communities to become more resilient to emergencies.
- 1.2. This short briefing paper provides an overview of the plans for a South Yorkshire societal resilience project.

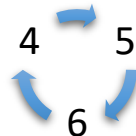
2. Project scope

- 2.1. Our project aims to help our communities become more resilient to emergencies such as flooding or power outages, and also potentially to broader impacts such as climate change.
- 2.2. We have partnered with the University of Manchester to support our project. University of Manchester are national and international leaders in societal resilience and co-lead the [National Consortium of Societal Resilience](#).
- 2.3. The concept of "societal resilience" is vast, and so our project seeks to target interventions based on risk (such as flooding or rurality) and vulnerabilities (such as older populations or disabilities).
- 2.4. Key principles are:

Strategic capability	Target risk & vulnerability	Start simple
Societal resilience requires strategy It is not a transactional activity	Local resilience capabilities should be targeted It is not about whole of society	Start small We don't have to do everything at once - we can start with one group / place
Strategy involves a broad range of partners It is not just an emergency planning activity	Prioritisation of local resilience capabilities should be based on risk	Roll out wider Continue to build and refine interventions and roll them out to additional groups
We are developing a local resilience capability within our communities It is not a short term activity	The local resilience capability should free resilience partners to focus on the most vulnerable	It doesn't need to be huge We can build on what is already there such as business & volunteering

- 2.5. The project follows a broad 6-stepped approach designed by the University of Manchester and the National Consortium of Societal Resilience across 2 areas: design and implementation.

DESIGN			
1.	WHO	Build the team, identify existing partnerships, take stock of existing local resilience capabilities.	<p>Steps 1 and 2 can be completed relatively quickly by statutory partners already engaged in societal resilience activities.</p> <p>Step 3 is based on a co-production approach with wider partners such as the voluntary sector and businesses.</p>
2.	WHY	Agree the business case for enhancing local resilience capabilities.	
3.	WHAT	Co-produce the strategy for enhancing local resilience capabilities.	



IMPLEMENT			
4.	WHO	Develop instrumental collaborations for enhancing local resilience capabilities.	<p>Steps 4, 5 & 6 are part of a continuous improvement cycle.</p>  <p>Interventions will start small, be piloted, and then roll out wider.</p>
5.	HOW	Manage local resilience capabilities.	
6.	DO	Deliver value to society through local resilience capabilities.	

- 2.6. Each of these steps has a range of questions and prompts based on academically evaluated good practice from both national and international comparators.
- 2.7. Each step will be supported by an initial multiagency Workshop of relevant stakeholders to support co-design and build on existing local good practice.

3. Current position

- 3.1. A Project Initiation Meeting of the sponsoring public sector stakeholders took place on Wednesday 12 October 2022. At this meeting it was agreed that:
- There is significant appetite across the LRF partnership to take forward a South Yorkshire societal resilience project.
 - We are keen to maximise the range of partners involved in the project to include more representatives from the Voluntary, Community & Faith sector and the business sector.
 - One size will not fit all – our approach will need to be tailored to local communities, neighbourhoods, and geographies. We would like to target our project towards communities with greatest societal resilience needs.

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- Across South Yorkshire there are a range of very positive examples of where societal resilience is being fostered, upon which we can build.
 - Once we have together developed the business case for our project, we will aim for a light-touch ongoing project governance from a Strategic Group meeting quarterly to oversee progress, and an Operational working group who will meet more regularly. To support this, all sponsoring partners have been asked to nominate a strategic lead for the project.
- 3.2. The draft National Consortium of Societal Resilience Strategy and Manual have been circulated, which provide a template for each stage of the project. These are also available as embedded documents below:
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- 100 MANUAL to
create a Local Resilience
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- 100 STRATEGY to
create a Local Resilience
- 3.3. There is a small amount of LRF funding set aside to support the project (both funding for venues/training, and funding for staff support).
- 3.4. The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday 23 November 2022 from 09:00 to 13:00 to develop our business case for societal resilience.

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