

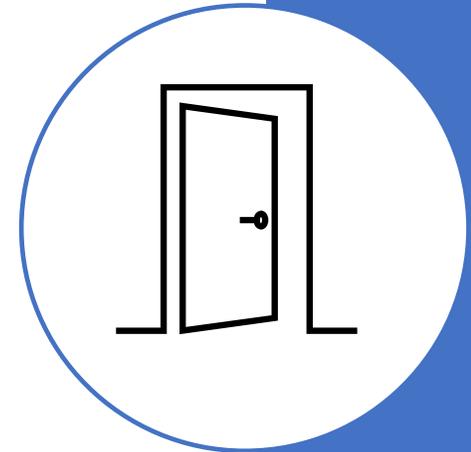
Societal Resilience Strategy Workshop

Thursday 16 March 2023



Welcome and overview

- This is the third workshop in a series to develop and deliver a Societal Resilience Strategy for South Yorkshire.
 - **First workshop:** Agreeing the need for the project.
 - **Second workshop:** Developing our Business Case.
 - **Third workshop:** Developing our Strategy.
- Resulting Strategy will then be presented to the LRF Strategic Meeting for ratification.
- Draft Strategy circulated with meeting invitation.



Background

One of three core principles in the UK Government Resilience Framework published in December 2022:

“Resilience is a whole of society endeavour, so we must be more transparent and empower everyone to make a contribution.”

South Yorkshire’s Local Resilience Forum (LRF) has agreed that one of our highest priorities over the next 3 years is helping our communities to become more resilient to local disruptions and emergencies such as flooding or power outages.



The challenge

- Many in society are already quite resilient and can prepare for local disruptions and emergencies, and can help themselves if one occurs.
- However some parts of our society are **less resilient**, are likely to suffer more from the impacts, and may have diverse needs that they cannot resolve themselves. These are the groups who may require extra help from partners within our Local Resilience Forum during local disruptions and emergencies.
- Some disruptions and emergencies (e.g. national power outage) are so large that the **volume of need can outstrip what LRF partners can realistically support**. Here, wider society could potentially play a role in bolstering the statutory sector response so that emergency responders can focus on those most in need.



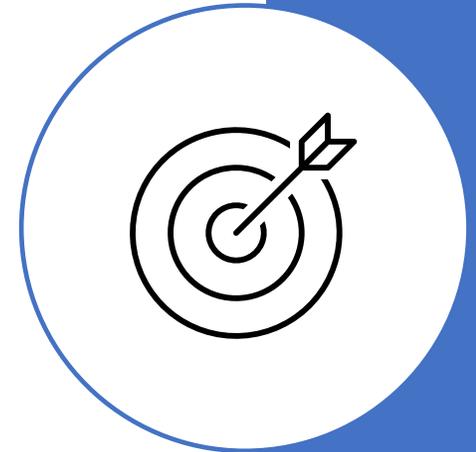
Vision & Aim

Our vision for societal resilience is:

To build on existing local resilience capabilities in South Yorkshire to help enhance the statutory sector response to disruptions / emergencies, and to support individuals, community groups, businesses, organisations, and the voluntary sector to play a meaningful part in building the resilience of our society.

In pursuing this vision, our aim is:

To improve our approach to societal resilience so that we can target support to those in society who are most in need during disruptions or emergencies.



Project Objectives

SUPPORT

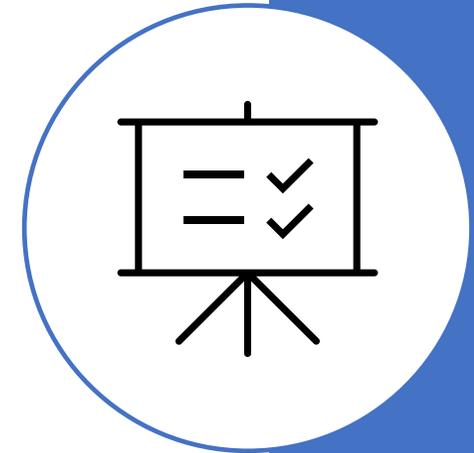
Support South Yorkshire residents to improve their own resilience.

ACTIVATE

Activate those in society who can help themselves or help others.

REDUCE

Reduce risk and vulnerability of those most in need.



Group discussion 15 mins

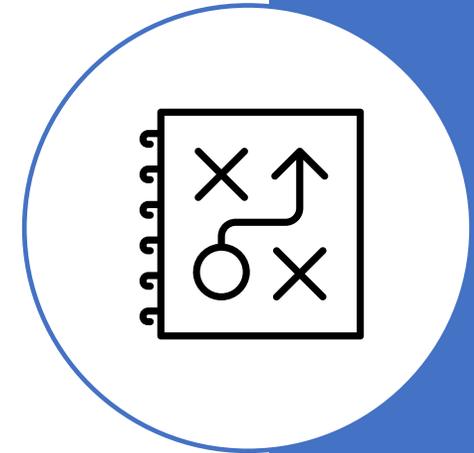
Do the vision, aim and objectives reflect what you would us like our project to deliver?

Any suggestions for changes?



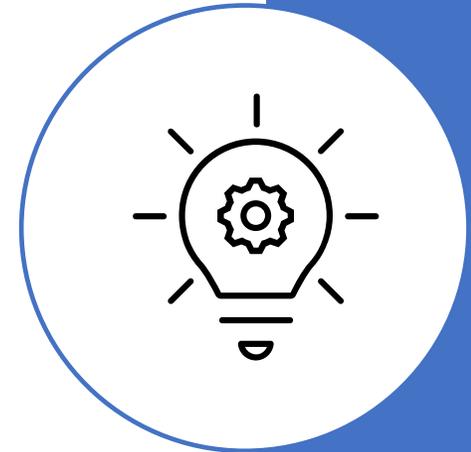
Strategy

- **Hyper-local:** A “one size fits all” approach may not work in South Yorkshire. We will need to target and tailor our project initiatives to hyper local communities.
- **Start small:** Our project initiatives will start small and seek to test our approach, before any further rollout.
- **80:20:** Support the more resilient 80% of our communities to consolidate their resilience, so that the responders can focus support on the less resilient 20%.
- **Longevity:** Longevity of initiatives, not quick fixes.
- **Targeting:** The concept of “societal resilience” is vast, and so our project initiatives will be targeted. Targeting may be based on risk (such as flooding), or vulnerabilities (such as older populations or disabilities).



Strategy initiatives

- **LRF structural initiatives:** Some interventions will be structural developments within our LRF – such as how we can further activate and embrace the skills and capacity of the Voluntary Community & Faith Sector during an emergency.
- **Community resilience initiatives:** Other interventions will look to target specific groups/communities within our population to help them to become more resilient, with a potential initial initiative focussing around the concept of Community Hubs.



Group discussion – 30 mins

Do the terms “structural initiatives” and “community resilience initiatives” adequately describe the twin-path approach we would like to take?

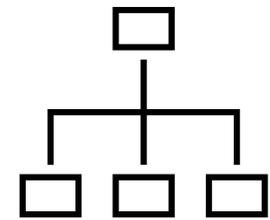
Thoughts on the two suggested initiatives – are they the right ones, what might they look like in practice, and what support might we need?

- Exploring how to activate VCF groups in emergencies.
- Exploring the concept of Community Hubs.



Governance

- Project overseen by the ***LRF Strategic Meeting***, an existing strategic partnership meeting which is held quarterly.
- New ***Societal Resilience Working Group*** to operationally drive the project, chaired by a nominee from within the group, and meeting on a frequency determined by the group.
- ***Community Resilience post*** to drive the project – hosted by the Rotherham & Sheffield Emergency Planning Shared Service.



Partners

- VCF:
 - Co-Chairs of the LRF Voluntary Community & Faith Group
 - South Yorkshire Community Foundation
 - Local Community Voluntary Services (or equivalent)
 - National groups such as VCSEP
- Local Authorities x4 plus SYMCA
- Blue lights – Fire, Police & Ambulance
- NHS
- Environment Agency
- Businesses through the Chambers of Commerce (x3)
- Utility infrastructure owner/operators – Northern Powergrid and Yorkshire Water



Group discussion - plenary

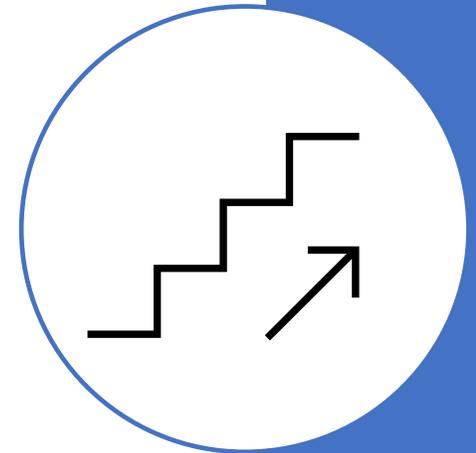
Any thoughts on the governance structure?

Is anyone missing from the list of project partners?



Next steps

- Present Strategy to LRF Strategic Meeting.
- Recruit to Community Resilience post.
- Establish Societal Resilience Working Group.
- Commence work on hyper-local structural and community resilience initiatives.
- Regularly evaluate progress and refresh strategy.
- Report progress to LRF Strategic Meeting.



Thank you & any final thoughts

