

Civil Contingencies Act Enhancement Programme – End of Phase 1 Report

Background

The Cabinet Office is conducting a review of Part 1 of the *Civil Contingencies Act (2004)* (“CCA”), the *Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) Regulations 2005* and the statutory guidance, *Emergency Preparedness*. We are delivering this review through the CCA Enhancement Programme (CCAEP).

The CCAEP began in December 2008 and has a phased delivery. Policy development work for Phase 1 of the programme was completed in October 2009, although implementation will run until early 2010. It focused on improving the standard and consistency of implementation of the existing CCA framework.

Phase 1 has delivered:

- Emergency Response and Recovery: an updated online version of the guidance was published in August 2009. It reflects lessons learned since the original publication in November 2005 and aims to provide a set of common concepts and language for emergency preparedness.
- Expectations and Indicators of Good Practice Sets: these aim to clarify what is expected of Category 1 and 2 responders under the statutory civil protection framework. These will underpin the Civil Protection Self Assessment Tool.
- Local Authority Mutual Aid Guide: this aims to support local authorities in developing effective mutual aid arrangements.
- Draft Revision to Chapter 2 (Co-operation) of *Emergency Preparedness*: this aims to ensure that the statutory guidance provides an appropriate framework for responders to operate within. Consultation planned for Autumn.
- Draft Revision to Chapter 3 (Information Sharing) of *Emergency Preparedness*: this refines the existing chapter and aims to support responders in fulfilling this duty. Consultation planned for Autumn/ early 2010.
- CCA fit with other civil protection legislation: Draft guidance has been prepared to raise awareness of the need to consider CCA alongside other civil protection legislation. This will be presented as interim guidance until it can be integrated into a revised version of *Emergency Preparedness* in Phase 3 of the programme. Consultation planned for Autumn/ early 2010.
- Renewing CCA Arrangements for London: We have prepared proposals for consultation on changes to CCA arrangements for London. Timing to be confirmed.

Phase 1 work to take forward into Phase 2:

- Delivery of Civil Protection Self Assessment Tool (early 2010) & Peer Review Tool (March 2010).
- Publication of a revised Chapter 2 (Co-operation) and 3 (Information Sharing) of *Emergency Preparedness* and interim guidance on CCA fit with other civil protection legislation (early 2010).
- Implementation of changes to CCA arrangements in London (April 2010 and ongoing)
- Review of CCA responders (incorporated into Phase 2 projects).