

Civil Contingencies Act Enhancement Programme – Phase 2 Projects

Background:

Phase 2 of the Civil Contingencies Act Enhancement Programme (CCAEP) will identify and explore recommendations for improvement that, if implemented, would require changes to the Civil Contingencies Act (CCA), associated Regulations or statutory guidance. Work on Phase 2 began in October 2009 and will conclude in June 2010 with the production of a range of initial policy options for Ministers to consider. We expect that a full public consultation will run from Autumn 2010.

Phase 2 projects:

Whilst this phase is separated into six projects they form part of an integrated whole and policy development will therefore be considered in the round.

All projects will need to build a strong evidence base for change and identify the risks of 'doing nothing'. There are also likely to be implications for funding and new burdens flowing from any proposals and this consideration will be at the forefront of policy development.

- Refining the Existing CCA Duties: This project will assess potential changes to duties within the current structure of the CCA. Particular focus will be on the Risk Assessment duty, the Business Continuity Management duty and the Warning and Informing duty. The project will also consider whether community resilience could be strengthened through changes to the duties or guidance.
- Broadening the Scope of the CCA Duties: This project will consider whether the scope of the CCA duties should be broadened beyond emergency preparedness to include response and recovery elements. It will also consider whether additional duties are needed to protect the resilience of key infrastructure, taking into account existing legislation outside the CCA.
- Reviewing Responders and Responder Categories: Building on the work in Phase 1, this project will review schedules 1 and 2 of the CCA and develop detailed proposals on any changes needed to the responders and responder categories
- National and Regional Resilience Arrangements: This project will consider whether the UK resilience 'chain' could be improved by establishing statutory roles and responsibilities for the regional tier, Devolved and UK government.
- Better Responder Engagement and Collaborative Working: Building on the work in Phase 1, this project will consider funding arrangements for Local Resilience Forum (LRF) secretariat work, identify ways to strengthen representation procedures for LRFs, investigate the use of protocols to strengthen and formalise the relationships between Category 1 and 2 responders, assess the viability and benefits of LRFs becoming legal entities and consider whether associated minor adjustments to the Regulations are necessary.
- Improving Compliance and Performance Development: Building on Phase 1 work, this project will consider sections 9 'Monitoring by Government' and 10 'Enforcement' as well as further development to tools developed in Phase 1 of the CCAEP. This project will also further explore the role of regulators in supporting delivery of the CCA.