

Information

for County Councillors

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As Elected Members you could be the first point of contact for providing information to local residents affected by emergencies such as flooding or severe weather, or situations involving large-scale fires or chemical leaks which may mean they have to be evacuated from their homes.

This Elected Members' Emergency Handbook is intended to help you understand the Local Authorities' emergency planning role and where you can help. Whether providing support for a concerned resident, directing them to the help they need or offering advice about how to cope after a crisis, this is an important role you can play.

In June 2011, the Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit issued the first version of this Handbook. It was originally issued on a CD to all County and District Councillors in Somerset. This Handbook has now been revised with only minor amendments.

All County Councillors are requested to destroy the June 2011 CD version and now use the new version on the SCC intranet on the following link:-

WWW.SOMERSET.GOV.UK



http://enterprise.somerset.gov.uk/media/334/89/ELECTED_MEMBERS_EMERGENCY_HANDBOOK_V2_NOV_2013.pdf

If you are a County and District Councillor you may receive two copies as District Councils have also received an electronic copy of this Handbook and been asked to circulate to their District Councillors.

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