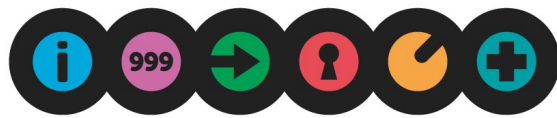


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# Suffolk Resilience Forum Local Resilience Strategy

2024-2030



# Introduction

The Suffolk Resilience Forum (SRF) is a multi-agency forum required under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA04), made up of emergency services, local authorities, NHS and specific supporting agencies as defined within the CCA04 to plan, prepare and respond to major incidents. The SRF is a non-statutory authority therefore does not have legal powers but it is made up of statutory authorities which the SRF co-ordinates for multi-agency activities.

Inline with the UK Government Resilience Framework, Integrated Review of Resilience and UK Government Resilience Action Plan, the SRF is focused on local and national priorities as outlined within this Local Resilience Strategy under the themes:

- \* Communities
- \* Understanding Risks
- \* Leadership, responsibilities and accountability
- \* Place – Business, Climate & Funding
- \* Response, Recovery & Emergency Planning
- \* Training & Learning

Suffolk's approach to resilience is rooted in a whole-system, whole of society mindset, recognising how closely our communities, services, environment and infrastructure are connected. It promotes innovation and adaptation as our risks evolve, while building on the strong learning and collaboration already demonstrated across Suffolk during major incidents and recovery efforts.

The SRF prepares for emergencies by using the model of Integrated Emergency Management (IEM) which has 6 steps:

- \* Anticipation
- \* Assessment
- \* Prevention
- \* Preparation
- \* Response
- \* Recovery

Using this approach the preparation for, response to, and recovery from emergencies focuses on the consequences and wider impacts of events rather than solely on their causes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-government-resilience-framework>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-review-refresh-2023-responding-to-a-more-contested-and-volatile-world>

# Strategy Overview

## What is Resilience?

The capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience. (100 Resilient Cities cited in Greater Manchester Resilience Strategy, 2021).

## Our Vision

To enable Suffolk to be as prepared and as resilient as possible.

## Our Mission

Working in collaboration with our partners through multi-agency co-ordination and co-operation, engagement with the wider Suffolk system focusing on prevention, preparation, response and recovery from major incidents.

## Our Resilience Strategy

- \* Aligns with Suffolk's multiagency emergency response arrangements, which are enacted for major incidents and tested during large scale multiagency exercises.
- \* Supports delivery of countywide recovery and resilience programmes.
- \* Is delivered in partnership across Suffolk.
- \* Supports learning from previous major incidents and exercises.

# Benefits of Resilience to Suffolk

- \* Improve quality of life and wellbeing.
- \* Increase economic confidence and protect local investment.
- \* Foresee and plan for crises that may affect Suffolk's communities.
- \* Safeguard Suffolk's unique coastal, rural and community character.
- \* Build on strong partnerships across the county to drive innovation and coordinated action.
- \* Embed resilience as we address physical, economic and social challenges through ongoing improvements and modelling.
- \* Encourage long-term socioeconomic stability by reducing repeated disruption and community hardship.

# Suffolk's 6 Resilience Priorities:

**1) Communities: Building cohesive, healthy, and resilient communities, supporting the whole of society approach to resilience.**

**Mobilising:** Enhancing the capacity of communities to deal with emergencies and mobilising community participation in response and recovery via the Suffolk Voluntary Community Sector Emergencies Partnership and Community Emergency Planning groups.

**Cohesion:** working within the Suffolk Safer and Stronger Communities Board, integrating with prevent and community safety partnerships.

**Relationships:** Strengthen relationships between various community group networks, encourage joint working, shaping and promoting existing frameworks.

**Resilience:** Finding ways to increase community resilience.

**Support:** Working with the voluntary and faith, business and academia sectors at the local and national level to maximise the capacity to support communities through strong partnerships.

## 2) Understanding Risks: Enhancing resilience understanding

**Risk:** Understanding hazards and vulnerability in Suffolk, including by identifying emerging and interdependent risks developing the localised risk assessment process and utilisation of the Suffolk Community Risk Register.

**Measuring:** Measuring resilience through the use of metrics and baseline assessments.

**Innovation:** Developing new ideas to address risk and achieve resilience dividends.

**Opportunity:** Understanding and addressing the emerging challenges and opportunities of new technologies and partnerships.

### **3) Leadership, responsibility and accountability: Shaping resilience within Suffolk**

**Governance:** Building on the governance structures and partnership working of the Suffolk Resilience Forum to coordinate and drive resilience building activities directed by the Chief Resilience Officer.

**Political Accountability:** As part of the Stronger LRF Pilot/ Programme, integrate the SRF with the political landscape of Suffolk.

**Shaping:** Shaping and influencing resilience agendas across Suffolk, nationally and internationally to make them relevant and supportive to Suffolk's communities.

**Integration:** Promote and encourage the integration of resilience planning into normal working practices.

**Outcomes:** Ensuring that the delivery of the Resilience Strategy represents value for money and improves outcomes for people in Suffolk.

#### 4) Place: Business, Climate and Funding: Being ready for future challenges

**Economy:** Using a resilience lens to enhance our economy working with the Chamber of Commerce and business sector.

**Natural Environment:** Protecting and promoting the resilience value of the natural environment, looking at climate adaptation via the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership.

**Funding:** Leveraging funding to make us more resilient.

#### 5) Response, Recovery & Emergency Planning: Sustaining effective preparedness, response and recovery from emergencies

**Collaboration:** Assessing the risk of civil emergencies through multi-agency collaboration and partnerships via the Risk Working Group.

**Preparedness:** Developing plans and capabilities to enable effective response and recovery following emergencies.

**Information:** Providing the public with information and guidance and supporting community resilience to increase emergency preparedness.

**Response:** Collecting and disseminating information through the Multi-Agency Information Cell (MAIC) to provide responders with relevant and current information to inform response and recovery.

## **6) Learning & Training : Identifying and utilising learning from incidents to strengthen response and recovery arrangements.**

**Collaboration:** Working with multiagency partners to debrief major incidents, exercises and multiagency incidents of note.

**Information:** using the Lessons Identified SRF process to ensure learning is embedded into local systems and processes.

**Training:** Designing, programming and delivering multi-agency training and exercising to improve responders' awareness and skills, and to validate plans.

**Performance:** The proactive engagement of the Suffolk risk and capabilities matrix to improve in all aspects of resilience; utilise critical partners or peer reviews to improve performance.

**Learning:** Development of a repository for learning and case studies including single and multi-agency Lessons Identified to increase emergency preparedness.