

FOI 521/2016

REQUEST

Please can you provide me with the following:

In the event of an emergency/disaster within the area you cover (eg, plane crash, train crash, civil unrest etc) please can you provide me with any document(s) you may have in relation to how your organisation will respond - for example any emergency planning documentation etc.

RESPONSE

Further to your FOI request submitted on 21 October, I apologise for the delay in responding.

Tendring District Council has a statutory duty under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, to plan and prepare for major incidents and emergencies which may affect the community, whether permanent, transient or visiting the district.

The main role of the authority is to support the emergency services responding and those communities affected, which may involve opening of a Rest Centre for emergency accommodation.

To enable the authority to perform this task plans outline the desired actions, however these documents are marked OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE and are not available for public view. However the Tendring District Council Community Risk Register and Emergency Planning Guidance document, which is available on our website, aims to provide some insight into the arrangements that are in place and how the risks to the District are assessed (Please see attachment).

There is an extensive amount of community engagement with Parish and Town Councils, and caravan parks in the District, who are actively encouraged to produce their own Generic Emergency plans.

“Get Ready for Winter”, Tendring Crucial Crew and Older Persons Crucial Crew are some of the events used to help engage with the local communities to help them in their preparations for a major incident.

Throughout each year Tendring District Council delivers and participates in training and exercising both internally and with external partners to test our plans and procedures.