Recovery, Renewal, Resilience:

Operationalising community resilience as a Local Resilience Capability

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The renewal of Community Resilience
Communities as a first line of defence/attack

COVID gave clarity

Communities pinpointed answers to local risks and vulnerabilities

Created new capabilities to manage immediate consequences and longer-term needs

Unlimited capacity of some communities

COVID changed mindsets

Maintain, refine and embed the new mindset

Nurture and act now or fatigue and politics will get in the way

Inequalities and fragilities—VSCE well placed to help address

Assurance

Disasters owned by communities, supported by local and national

Communities not all in the same place with same capacities

Whole system cohesion to manage consequences with local government assurance

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People like the idea of community resilience:

Cherished communities supporting each other
Empowering communities to direct their own futures
(But, often it gets boiled down to volunteering)

What do we mean by community ...
• Individuals
• Organisations
• Community groups
• Associations/networks made up of all of these
But, what is community resilience?

Hard to pin down …
- what is it?
- how to build it?
- how to mobilise it?
- is it all about volunteers?

How to operationalise community resilience?
(infrastructure and mobilisation)
Steps to Operationalising Local Resilience Capability

1. Develop partnerships and roles
2. Co-produce aims
3. Co-produce the strategy of LRC
4. Build the system of LRC
5. Evaluate the system
6. Build the capabilities of Local Resilience
7. Evaluate the capabilities
Step 1. Develop partnerships

The capability is co-produced by

- Facilitated by: Local resilience partners (local government lead)
- Designed, driven, implemented, and owned by:
  - Community groups
  - Organisations and businesses (public / private; local / national; small / large)
  - Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector
  - University students, Youth
  - Households
  - Individuals

- Not everybody
  - its coverage/capacity rather than saturation
  - its one at a time
Step 2. Co-produce aims

Including to ...

- Identify **risks** and lower their likelihood and severity
- Identify **vulnerabilities** and address them
- Specific and general **preparedness**
Step 5. Evaluate the system
Step 7. Evaluate the capabilities
Recovery, Renewal, Resilience: Local resilience capability

Thank you for listening!

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