



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Date: 23 October 2025

Subject: Severe Weather Emergency Protocol

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To introduce an item on the Council's Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) and proposed changes to the process.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board is recommended to:
 - 1) To note the focussing of SWEP provision for 2025/26 on people known to be at risk of harm through the 2-tier model
 - 2) To invite officers to report back to the Board this municipal year to provide information on the SWEP usage and the impact of the changes made

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 Local authorities are required to implement SWEP in line with national guidance at times of severe weather.
- 3.2 In Coventry SWEP is triggered when
 - 1) Temperatures are at a 'feels like' 0c' or
 - 2) A yellow weather warning
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- 3.5 Therefore, there will be changes as to how SWEP will operate in 2025/26. These can be found in Appendix 1

Appendix 1: SWEP slides

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