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<p>1 Purpose of Meeting:</p> <p>1. This was a follow up workshop set up by West Berkshire Council to evaluate their Off-Site Emergency Plan for determining consequences of displaced persons following an off-site emergency at the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE).</p> <p>2 Summary of Points Discussed:</p> <p>2. Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) attended the first West Berkshire Council workshop held on 6 October 2021 (ONR Contact Record ONR-TD-CR-21-249,</p>	

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CM9 Ref 2021/73774). This follow-up event was held for partner agencies unable to attend first workshop. The same three scenarios (CM9 Ref 2021/73531) were used with the following themes:

- Displaced residents outside the Detailed Planning Zone (DPZ) who cannot travel to their home address or those within the cordon who choose to self- evacuate.
- How multi-agency partners would continue to provide welfare support for vulnerable people sheltering within the DPZ and the challenges posed by potential evacuation of these vulnerable groups.
- The management and welfare of those within the DPZ who do not have residence, eg schools, shops, business, leisure activities.

3. The focus of the workshop was to allow partner agencies to explore how they would respond and support West Berkshire Council in delivering their off-site emergency plan given an incident at an AWE site. This work supports the Council in demonstrating its off-site emergency plan given requirements of the Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Public Information Regulations 2019 (REPIR 2019). The workshop addresses element (I): Protective action advice and consideration of vulnerable groups.
4. I participated in Group 1 of this workshop, where there were two groups, both facilitated by West Berkshire Council personnel. A range of partner agencies attended, including Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance Service, together with Social Care and Berkshire NHS Trust. Based on scenarios posed and points discussed I made the following observations:
 - West Berkshire Council partner agencies indicated that they would use their records to identify vulnerable persons within DPZ to gain an understanding of individual needs and requirements. It was identified that not all vulnerable persons make themselves known to West Berkshire Council social care agencies.
 - On the matter of setting up local authority humanity centres, and ability to handle the demands on these resources in the event of an off-site incident, no clear view could be reached given that the number of people attending these facilities was unknown. West Berkshire Council stated that they had resources to set up one radiation monitoring and decontamination team to support people entering humanity centres.
 - There was a lack of clarity over West Berkshire Council partner agencies being authorised to enter a contaminated area / what arrangements they had in place to deal with this situation. West Berkshire Council indicated that they held equipment to allow individuals to enter a contaminated area, but it was not clear when these resources would be committed. Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service suggested they would undertake evacuation of vulnerable persons within DPZ given training in this type of event.

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- It was indicated that the prioritisation of decontamination was to be identified through emergency response command and control structure set up through off-site emergency event.
- Aspects on how schools, local authority facilities and businesses within DPZ would respond to a AWE off-site emergency was that individuals would follow the guidance given in emergency response information supplied to residents within DPZ. The issue of people reading this information and being familiar with the actions to be taken was raised as a potential weakness.

3 Outcome

5. It is my opinion that West Berkshire Council follow up workshop evaluating their Off-Site Emergency Plan in determining consequences of displaced persons given an event at an AWE site was well organised and facilitated. I consider partner agencies provided valuable input into the development of West Berkshire Council Off-Site Emergency Plan which the Council was to follow up.

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