

Heatwave Preparedness 2026 Update

Overview and Scrutiny Board

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Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Updates

- Continued participation in the Adverse Weather Planning Group on behalf of Bromsgrove and Redditch via Applied Resilience
- Group aim: produce an LRF wide Adverse Weather Plan
- Worcestershire has an Adverse Weather Plan on a county level
- Bromsgrove and Redditch have an adverse weather response framework



Cool Hubs

Locations available for 2026 for use as cool hubs:

- Worcestershire County Council Libraries
- Church of England venues
- Bromsgrove and Redditch Day centres as part of BAU
- Leisure centres where venues are open ordinarily to the public the public can attend

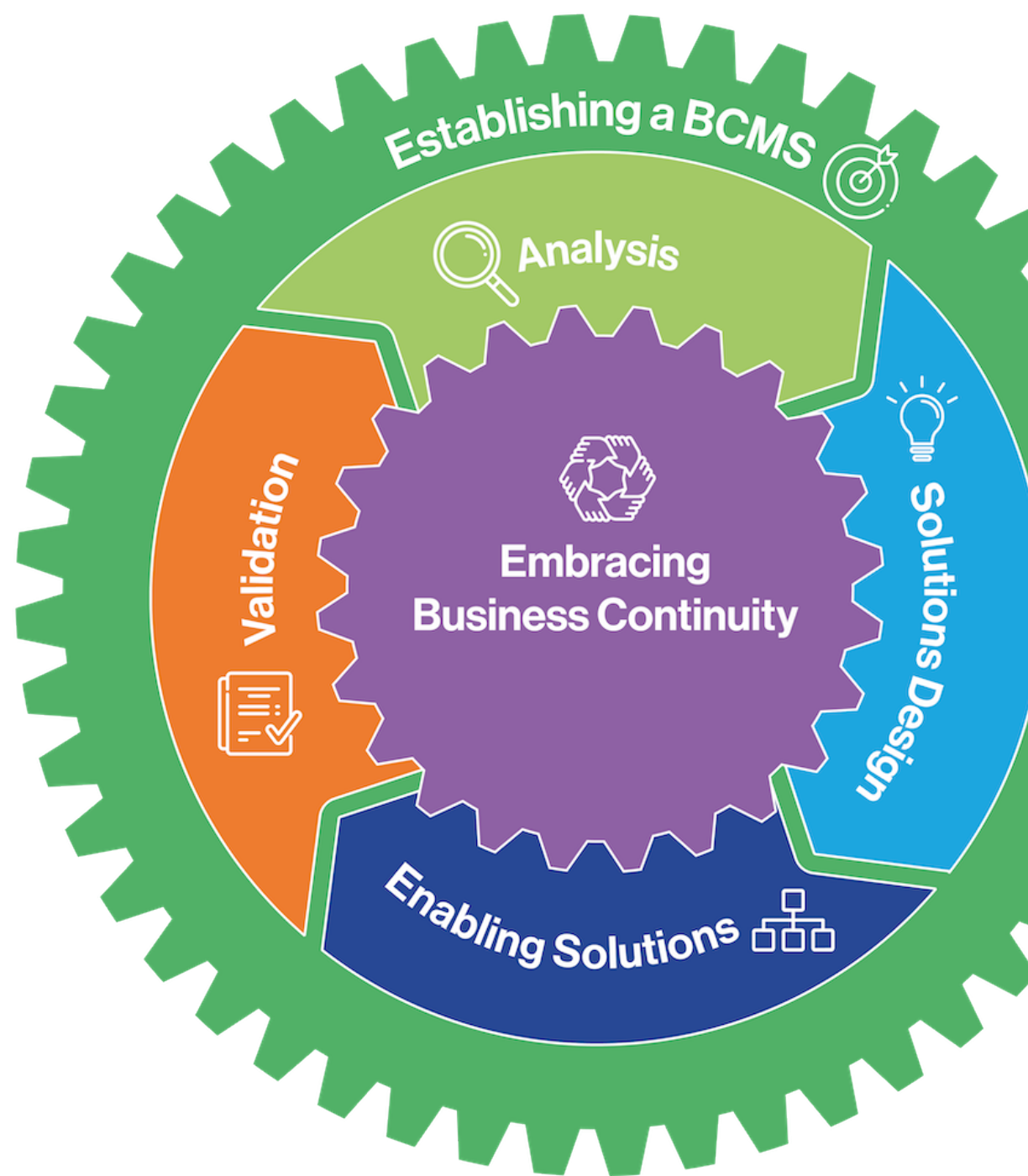
Priority Services Register (PSR)

- Utility companies have a Priority Service Register for customers considered vulnerable
- Vulnerable residents are encouraged to register.
- For more information please see this link:
<https://www.thepsr.co.uk>
- This can be publicised at any time to residents.
- During a utility outage the various companies will prioritise those known to them, for example during a water outage, deliveries can be made to customers directly.
- Those vulnerable need to sign up **BEFORE** an incident.



Business Continuity

- Each service in within Bromsgrove and Redditch Council has a Business continuity Plan
- Each service plan has been completely updated in late 2025 and 2026
- This will best places Bromsgrove and Redditch council to continue to deliver services where possible



Council Response

- Bromsgrove and Redditch staff are trained in order to respond to any emergency including adverse weather
- Upon notification of significant adverse weather including heat, all appropriate staff will be made aware
- The communications team will support the lead agencies with Warning and Informing
- Updates will be circulated to members as to multi agency and internal council activity (ordinarily amber and red heat health alerts)

Useful Links:

- Redditch and Bromsgrove have a duty to warn and inform for any incident. Councillors and communications team will be able to share the below:
- Within the adverse weather plan there are links to longstanding summer campaigns shown below. Communications teams will be encouraged to promote these during periods of adverse heat.
- UK Gov - [Beat the heat](#). General advice as to how to keep safe during hot weather.
- NHS - [Heat exhaustion and heatstroke](#). Signs and symptoms, what to do if you or someone has these conditions and treatment.
- NHS - [Sunscreen and sun safety](#). Advice specifically for the benefits of using sunscreen and general safety in sunny conditions.
- NHS - [Keeping your baby safe in the sun](#). Specific advice for keeping babies in sunny / hot conditions.
- Royal Life Saving Society - [Cold water shock](#)
- [Safe Summer Swimming from RLSS](#). Advice regarding swimming and the potential for cold water shock.