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# Recovery, Renewal, Resilience:

## Renewing how we 'do' community resilience

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# Most people like the idea of community resilience:

Cherished communities supporting each other  
Empowering communities to direct their own futures

(But, very 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 do we operationalise  
community resilience?**  
(infrastructure and mobilisation)



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# Operationalising a Local Resilience Capability

# Step 1. The partners

The capability is co-produced by

- Facilitated by:

Local resilience partners

- Designed, driven,  
implemented, and  
owned by:

Communities and local groups

Organisations (public / private; local / national; small / large)

Youth, university students

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector

Households

Individuals

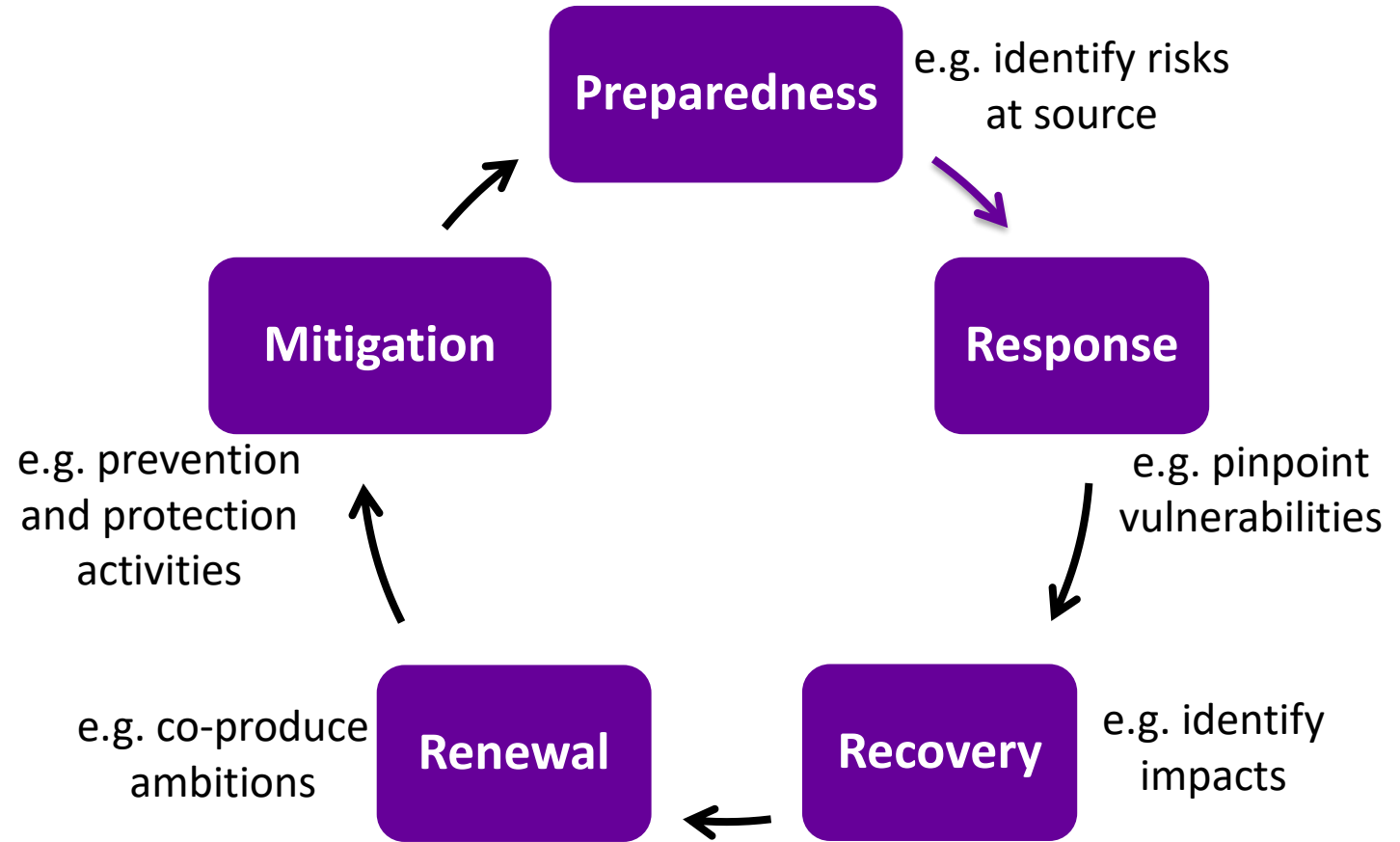
- Not everybody – its coverage/capacity rather than saturation

# Step 2. The aims

**Aims** to enhance mitigation, preparedness and response to:



**Examples** what can we do to support each other on:



# Step 3. Build the system of Local Resilience Capability

Activities that Local Resilience Capabilities can support:

## 1. Inform strategy

- Communities co-developing response, recovery, renewal, resilience strategies

## 2. Provide intelligence

- Two-way communication so communities can provide risk, vulnerability and preparedness information when changes happen – a surveillance mechanism using local knowledge

## 3. Manage their own preparedness, response, recovery activities

- Developing governance, plans, asset readiness, educate/training/exercise so they can operate effectively

## 4. Coordinate supply and demand

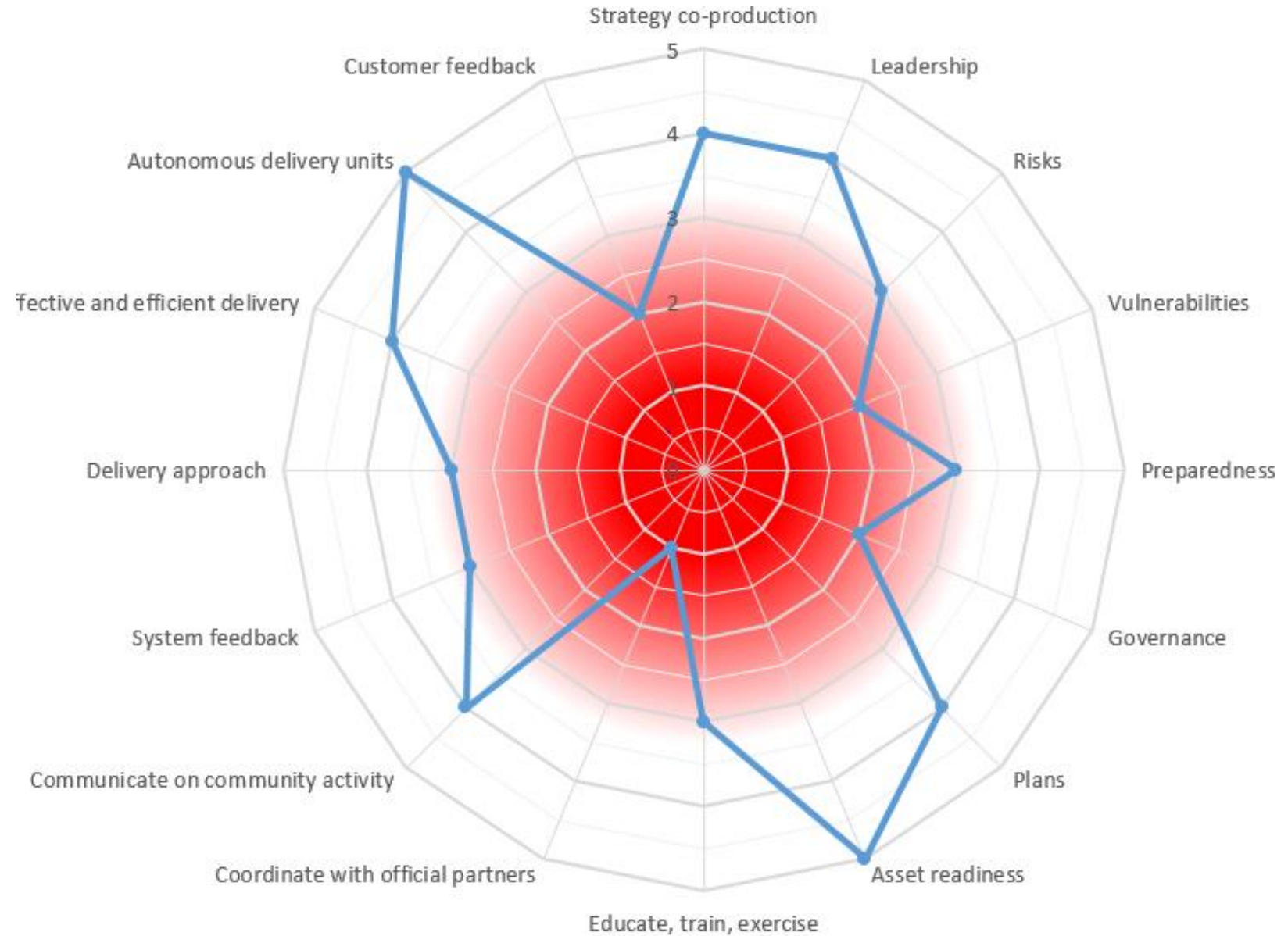
- Coordinating with partners on offers of support and community needs so partners can address them
- Communicating with partners so they are working together

## 5. Deliver activities

- Deploying capabilities in a delivery approach, with autonomous delivery units, responding to feedback

Communities have been doing this across the UK

# Step 4. Evaluate the system





# Step 5. Build the capabilities of Local Resilience

## Contributing

### **Organisational volunteering**

– Business partnerships,  
Volunteering days, Skills

### **Spontaneous volunteers**

– Policy and processes,  
Pop-up community groups

**Donations management** –  
Policy and processes

## Coordinating

**Organised communities** –  
Trained teams, Civic groups,  
VCSE sector offer, Network  
resources

**Information dissemination**  
– Alert/warning/informing,  
Debates with communities,  
Social media

**Community infrastructure  
and essential services** –  
Key service disruptions,  
Continuity for at-risk  
communities

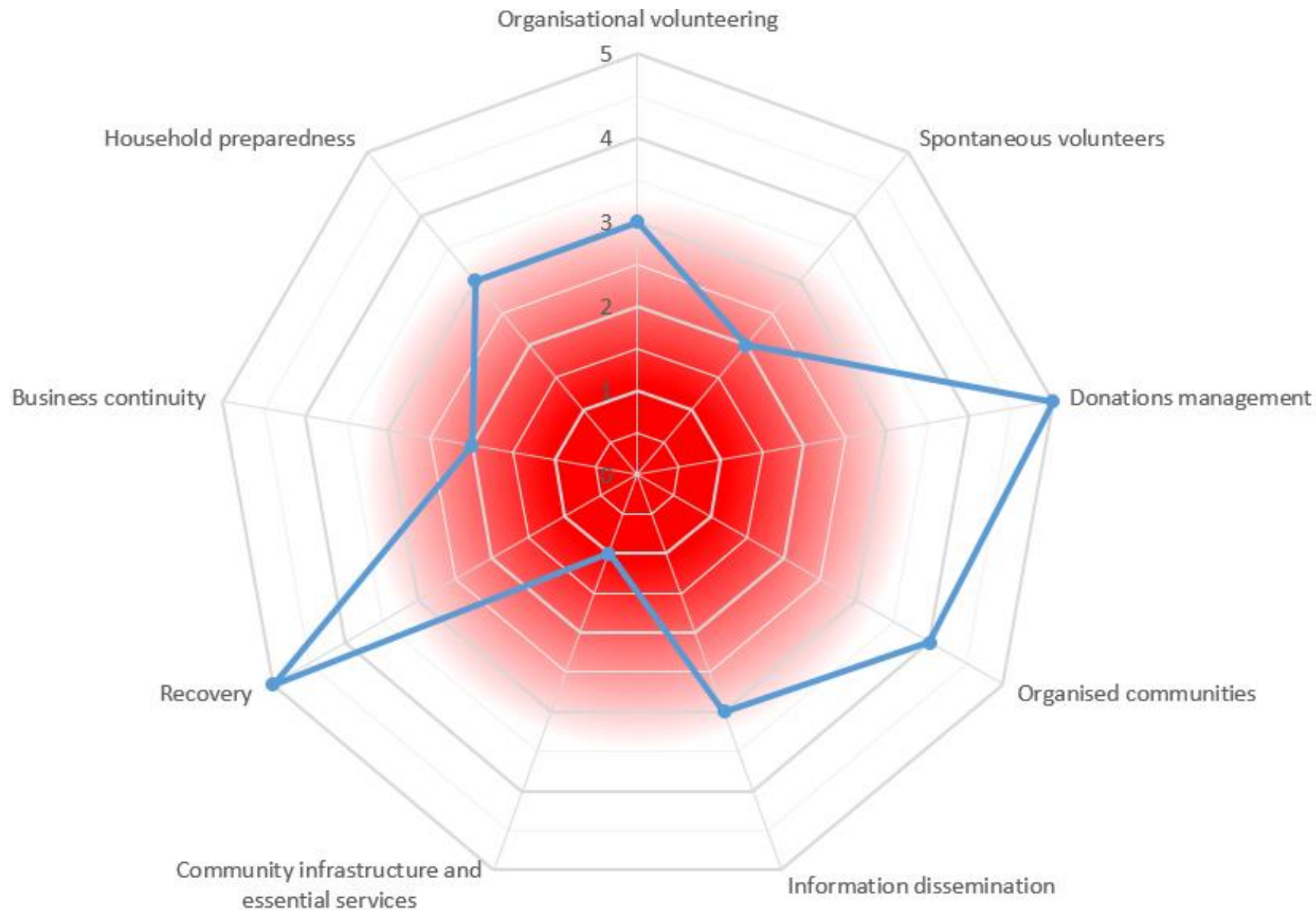
## Aftermath

**Recovery** – Impacts and  
needs assessment,  
Recovery Plans, Renewal  
Summit

**Business continuity** –  
Relationships with  
businesses, Supply chain  
resilience

**Household preparedness**  
– Awareness, Education,  
Resources

# Step 6. Evaluate the capabilities





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# Recovery, Renewal, Resilience: Local resilience capability

## Thank you for listening !

The Manchester Briefing: International lessons on Recovery and Renewal from COVID-19, available free from:  
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