

JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

15th June, 2007

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:**

Councillors H.M.Bebell, J.R.Bryant, Mrs.S.M.Penry
P.A.Rees and B.Roblin

**City and County
of Swansea:**

Councillors Mrs.M.H.Jones and G.Thomas

Officers in Attendance:

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:**

G.Jones and Miss C.Grocutt

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor G.Sullivan

Officers K.R.Sawyers and J.Stephens.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2007/08

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs.M.H.Jones (City and County of Swansea) be appointed Chairman of the Joint Resilience Committee for 2007/08.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2007/08

RESOLVED: that Councillor P.A.Rees (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) be appointed Vice Chairman of the Joint Resilience Committee for 2007/08.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee held on the 27th April 2007, be received and noted.

4. **PRESENTATION – “PROJECT ARGUS” (SOUTH WALES POLICE)**

The Joint Committee received a presentation by D.C. Simon Rees of South Wales Police on “Project Argus”. It highlighted the fact that incidents of terrorism could happen anywhere in the UK.

Members requested a Seminar on counter terrorism and it was agreed that this topic be included in the proposed Joint Member Seminar to be held in September 2007.

The Chair thanked D.C. Rees for a very informative presentation.

5. **REPORT OF THE JOINT RESILIENCE UNIT**

Mr. Graham Jones updated Members of the progress made with the Resilience and Emergency Planning Service Plan for both Authorities and also gave a brief summary on the key issues, as contained in the circulated report.

6. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Joint Resilience Committee will be held on Friday, 21st September 2007, at 9.30am in Swansea, and the meeting scheduled for the 26th October 2007 has now been cancelled.

It was also agreed that the Joint Resilience Committee would now meet bi-monthly and a list of dates would be circulated in due course.

Any Other Business

7. ATTENDANCE AT JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Chair requested that the Chief Executives of both Authorities attend a meeting once per annum to share with Members their perspective of resilience and emergency planning issues at their respective authorities, together with an assessment of the value of Neath Port Talbot and the City and County of Swansea authorities working in partnership.

It was also agreed that the Leader of each Council be briefed about the role of Members within the context of the important work being done by the Joint Resilience Committee.

8. SCHOOLS CRISIS PLAN

The Committee requested that consideration be given to include any private schools within Neath Port Talbot and the City and County of Swansea in the Schools Crisis Plan on the basis of building resilience into all parts of our communities.

9. EMERGENCY PLANS

Members requested that they be given an opportunity to review various Emergency Plans and it was suggested that a summary of the Plans and key issues could be shown as a PowerPoint presentation at a future meeting.

A schedule of recent emergency incidents would also be provided for Members at the next meeting.

10. TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

Members noted that a recent S4C programme had highlighted the re-emergence of TB and the risks to the community.

It was agreed that a summary report be presented to the next meeting on this topic, within the context of the SWLRF Risk Register and the NPT/CCoS Risk Register.

11. **PANDEMIC FLU**

Members were advised that a short briefing note on Pandemic Flu would be forwarded to them within the next few weeks and a further detailed report would be presented at the next meeting.

12. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

Members requested that representatives of other relevant organisations attend Joint Resilience Committee meetings to explain their role in resilience and emergency planning and to update Members regarding topical issues.

The Chair invited Members to forward suggested topics for future meetings to Mr. Graham Jones.

CHAIRMAN