

# **JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)**

**Civic Centre, Port Talbot**

**Members Present:**

**8<sup>th</sup> May, 2009**

**Chairman:** **Councillor** Colin Morgan  
(Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council)

**Vice Chairman:** **Councillor** Mrs.M.H.Jones  
(City and County of Swansea)

**Neath Port Talbot  
County Borough  
Council:** **Councillors:** J.R.Bryant, S.J.Mason,  
Mrs.S.M.Penry and B.Roblin

**City and County  
of Swansea:** **Councillors** A.Jopling and L.G.Thomas

**Officers in Attendance:**

**Neath Port Talbot  
County Borough  
Council:** G.Jones and Miss.C.Grocutt

**City and County  
of Swansea:** J.Stephens and P.Thomas

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## **1. SWINE FLU UPDATE**

Mr. Paul Thomas briefed the Committee on the Swine Flu outbreak whereby 1,500 cases had been reported world wide. There were 34 confirmed cases in the UK as of today. These cases were being treated with the antiviral drug Tamiflu. However, there were still no confirmed cases in Wales.

Papers were circulated at the meeting outlining the current Pandemic Influenza Alert System which was currently at Phase 5, and the actions that were being taken by Neath Port Talbot and the City and County of Swansea.

Should a pandemic be declared at level 6, both Authorities have a corporate plan and response, as work had already been undertaken regarding business continuity plans.

Concerns were raised regarding people returning from Mexico on whether they should attend work or stay at home. At this stage the advice from the NPHS / NHS is “business as usual” and to return to work unless swine flu symptoms were apparent.

Members noted that Swine Flu may become virulent again in the Autumn however a vaccination to treat the swine flu should be available by then.

Members of the Committee would be kept updated on the situation.

**CHAIRMAN**