

# **JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE**

**(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)**

**Members Present:**

**10<sup>th</sup> June, 2011**

**Neath Port Talbot  
County Borough  
Council:**

**Councillors J.R.Bryant and S.J.Mason**

**City and County  
of Swansea:**

**Councillors Mrs.M.Jones, D.G.Sullivan,  
L.G.Thomas and R.J.Lloyd**

**Officers in Attendance:**

**Neath Port Talbot  
County Borough  
Council:**

**G.Jones and Mrs.T.Davies**

**Apologies for Absence:**

**Councillors:**

**Mrs.A.P.Davies, Mrs.S.M.Penry and D.A.Robinson**

**Others:**

**J.Straw, S.Phillips, P.Thomas and J.Stephens**

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## **1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2011/2012**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Mrs.M.Jones (City and County of Swansea) be appointed Chairman of the Joint Resilience Committee for 2011/12.

## **2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2011/2012**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Mrs.A.P.Davies (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) be appointed Vice Chairman of the Joint Resilience Committee for 2011/12.

3. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at this point in the meeting:-

Councillor D.G.Sullivan

(City & County of Swansea) - Minute No. 7 re: Private Joint Report of the Head of Human Resources (NPT) and the Head of Performance and Strategic Projects (City & County of Swansea), as he has relatives working for the City and County of Swansea.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011, were received and noted.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minute No. 1

Mr.G.Jones reported that he and Mr.J.Stephens had met with Chief Superintendent M.Mathias to discuss strengthening the continuity of local authority and Police engagement during local emergency incidents. Future engagement with the Joint Resilience Committee was also agreed. Subject to diary commitments, Chief Superintendent Mathias will be invited to attend the September meeting of the Joint Resilience Committee to discuss community cohesion and community safety-related matters, in addition to resilience arrangements.

Minute No. 3(ii)

It is hoped that a member of the UK Border Agency will soon be available to attend a meeting of the JRC.

#### Minute No. 3(v)

Mr. Jones was pleased to report that Exercise Titan (at Tata Steel, Port Talbot, a major COMAH site) had 50 participants and was a success in terms of improving multi agency working.

Mr. Jones proceeded to explain that the construction of the new Harbour Way bypass road (part of which will go through the Tata Steel site ) will involve a large number of contractors and site traffic. The presence and activities of these extra people and vehicles will need to be built into the COMAH plans.

#### Minute No. 3(vi)

Severe weather plans in both authorities are currently being reviewed and will be re-launched by the autumn.

#### Minute No. 4(i)

Members noted that the unauthorised waste was still present, but that an emergency response plan had been put in place in case of fire.

### 6. **REPORT OF THE JOINT RESILIENCE MANAGER**

#### Exercise Incendia

Mr. Jones gave Members an overview of Exercise Incendia – an interactive event which had been developed to test and validate all Directorate Emergency Response Plans across both authorities. A number of key learning points had been identified.

#### Business Continuity Awareness Week

During the week 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011, the JRU promoted business continuity through the Intranet and Websites of both authorities. Each day a new message relating to business continuity was displayed. A large number of hits were recorded for both Authorities.

#### Incidents

Members were informed of 7 incidents since February 2011, where the JRU duty officer had been contacted by Fire Control (or by a Resilience

Co-ordinator) for information and/or assistance. These incidents included:-

- House fire in Glynneath
- Fire at Tata Steel
- Fire at Windsor Road, Neath.

Members expressed concern that Ambulances have had access problems on Windsor Road in Neath, due to the reduced size of the carriageway.

#### Key activities of the JRU over the last 12 months

The circulated report detailed the key activities of the Joint Resilience Unit over the past 12 months including:-

- Exercise Bay Explorer
- Elected Members booklet
- City evacuation plan
- Winter gritting review and report
- Rest Centre training

Members noted that the Millenium Stadium in Cardiff will be used for 3 weeks of football matches during the Olympic Games 2012, and a greater than normal Police presence will be necessary. This could impact on local policing, and Members will have the chance to discuss this with Chief Superintendent Mathias at the September meeting of the JRC.

#### 7. **JOINT PRIVATE REPORT OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES (NPT) AND THE HEAD OF PERFORMANCE AND STRATEGIC PROJECTS (CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA)**

Members considered the circulated private report, and an extra report (an extract from the 'Simpson Report') which was tabled at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Jones explained how the 2011/2012 reduction in funding for the JRU would affect staffing levels and resilience activities. Members understood and accepted the need for change in light of the current financial challenges facing both authorities.

Members were equally concerned that everything possible be done to safeguard the employment of all JRU staff, but all present supported the proposed way forward as set out in the circulated report.

8. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (Swansea)  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2011 (Port Talbot)  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 (Swansea)  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Port Talbot)  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (Swansea)

**CHAIRMAN**