JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Swansea)

Members Present: **1st August 2014**

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council **Councillors:** Mrs.D.Jones, R.G.Jones, Mrs. S. M. Penry and A.N. Woolcock

City and County Of Swansea **Councillors:** D.W.Cole and T.Hennegan,

Officers in Attendance:

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council: S.Burgess, Mrs.S.Rees and Miss C.Davies

Apologies for Absence: Mrs.M.H.Jones, Mrs.C.Richards and D.G.Sullivan

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Members introduced Mrs.S.Rees to the Joint Resilience Committee

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2014/15**

RESOLVED: that the appointment of Chairman of the Joint Resilience Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2014/15, be Councillor Arwyn Woolcock of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2014/15**

RESOLVED: that the appointment of Vice Chairman be deferred to the next Joint Resilience committee

3. **MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS**

The following Members made a declaration at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillor D.W.Cole	-	Member of Mid and West Wales Fire Authority.
Councillor T.J. Hennegan	-	Member of Mid and West Wales Fire Authority.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH JANUARY 2014**

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee held on the 2nd May 2014 were received and noted. It was noted that Cllr. Mrs. D. Jones had also submitted her apologies for this meeting.

5. **FIRE SERVICE STRIKE**

The Joint Resilience Manager, Mr.S.Burgess, informed Members that the Fire and Rescue Services across England and Wales had held several strikes since the last meeting of the Joint Resilience Committee.

Members were informed that effective communication channels were put in place for everyone, for example, information, advice and guidance were made available to the community and internally across the local authority Directorates.

Members noted that the fire strike would be on going and the committee were satisfied that there were enough arrangements in place if there were to be any incidents.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted.

6. **PUBLIC PARTISIPATION IN EMERGENCY PLANNING (NEW COMAH REGULATIONS 2015)**

The Joint Resilience Manager updated members about the introduction of new regulations controlling some of our industry that have major accident hazard potential (COMAH Regulations). The regulations for 2015 will require greater public participation in the planning process.

Members noted that the current regulations are in draft form and the authority is yet to publish exact requirements and that the JRU are on track to meet them.

Members were informed that Mr.S.Burgess would bring an updated report back to committee in November.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted

5. **COMMAH EXERCISE**

Members were informed about JRU is currently arranging and facilitating two exercises. The two exercises scheduled to take place this year were with two top tier COMAH Sites; Tata Steel, Port Talbot and Calor Gas, Aberdulais. The planning processes for both are underway and both are scheduled to take place in autumn.

Members commended the report and suggested that it would be beneficial to extend the invitation to border Ward Members. It was emphasised that Border Ward Members need to know the importance of these exercises.

It was noted that Members of the Joint Resilience Committee would be interested in receiving members training. The Joint Resilience Manager informed members that due to the financial constraints there would need to be at least a 40% to 50% interest rate from members in order to arrange training.

Members agreed that the Members Exercise should be held at the Liberty Stadium, there was concern about the travel for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Members. It was noted that transport would be arranged for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Members subject to the Members exercise being a day time exercise.

RECOMMENDED: (a) that the Committee notes the arrangements for the COMAH Exercises as detailed in the circulated report;

(b) that the Committee notes the arrangements for the Members Exercise as discussed in the Committee.

6. **BUSINESS CONTINUITY**

Members noted that the Business Continuity continues to be progressed across the two authorities. A new Pan-Wales template has been written and is being used for all new plans; the template has already been used in other welsh authorities and has passed audits by the Welsh Audit Offices and business Continuity Institute. It was also mentioned that all other plans will be transferred to the new template on next review dates.

RECOMMENDED: Member's note the report.

7. **EXERCISE BRIDGE**

Members noted that planning is well underway for the cross border multi agency live/tabletop exercise. Members were informed of the scenario that revolves around a chemical tanker crash on the M4 and the multi-agency response. Primarily a Dyfed Powys LRF exercise and the JRU were approached to play a part, it was agreed that there is an opportunity to exercise the setting up of a rest centre guidance document and registration process has been written and the exercise will be used to validate these.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted.

8. **Annual Resilience Report – 2013/2014**

Members received details of the Annual resilience report for 2012/2013 as detailed in appendix 1 to this report.

The report summarised the key activities of the JRU during 2013/2014.

The Annual Report was presented to the Committee as a Power Point presentation.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Annual Resilience Report for 2012-2013 be noted.

9. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

Private Verbal Report of the Head of Children and Young People Services

9. **WASTE MATERIALS**

Members were provided with a private verbal update at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: that the private verbal update be noted.

10. **ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES**

Members were provided with a private verbal update at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: that the private verbal report be noted.

10. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Friday, 7th November 2014 – City & County of Swansea
Friday, 6th February 2014 – Port Talbot Civic Centre
Friday, 1st May 2014 – City & County of Swansea

CHAIRMAN