

JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

REPORT OF THE HEALTH, SAFETY & JOINT RESILIENCE MANAGER

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MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the key resilience challenges facing both Councils, to explain how these challenges are currently being addressed and to provide an insight into the wider resilience framework which exists at a local, regional and national level.

1. BUSINESS CONTINUITY

1.1 NPT and CCoS

Business Continuity continues to be a key focus across both authorities.

Within NPT, most Directorates are up to date with the planning process and additional work is to be carried out with Education and Social Services (Direct Services).

Within CCoS, most Directorates are up to date with the planning process. Two awareness sessions have been attended along with work which has been undertaken with Facilities Management to formulate Business Continuity Plans for the Civic Centre and Guildhall. This has been named the 'Building Blocks Programme' which will produce a plan for partial or full loss of a building and the relocation of staff to a workspace which has been planned in, e.g. IT requirements and hardware etc.

1.2 BC ISO 22301

The JRU, in consultation and agreement with the Chief Education Officer and Social Services Lead Officers have decided to align services with the new international standard for BC ISO 22301. This will effectively entail both services from the off set, timescales for important milestones have been agreed and it is hoped the process will be completed within 12 months.

The process will use the '*Business Continuity Institute*' General Practitioner Guidelines and will see both Services conduct Strategic Business Impact Analyses (BIA), new individual service and function(s) BIA, a BC Management System Plan and Project document.

Should this prove successful, it is hoped this will be rolled out across the Authorities in 2016/17.

JRU officers Andy Walters and Neil Thomas have attended courses and gained a recognised international qualification in BC.

2. CITY SAFE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

Work relating to 'Project Argus' with WECTU staff to Quadrant businesses and managers has begun. This will be an ongoing process with work expanding to other businesses and forums.

Meetings with BID to explore some delivery aspects such as Warning and Informing have taken place. Liaison has taken place with Planning to incorporate new road network plans for the short and medium term.

Consideration is being made to use the name '**Swansea Evac**' as this term is used by other major cities within the UK. After discussions with partner agencies, it is suggested this may provide consistency for businesses and visitors from outside the area and therefore awareness will be greater. ***Feedback/suggestions from JRC will be welcome***

3. SILVER TACTICAL TRAINING WITH CCOS AND NPT

Within CCoS, two Silver Tactical Training sessions have taken place, with input from Ambulance, NRW and Fire Senior Officers, which received positive feedback. Forthcoming sessions are planned for NPT.

4. CONTROL OF MAJOR ACCIDENT HAZARDS (COMAH) REGULATIONS 2015

4.1 FLOGAS, LLANDARCY

The JRU are currently facilitating a multi-agency exercise with Flogas Llandarcy as a statutory duty under the COMAH Regulations 2015. The aim of the exercise will be to test and validate the external (off-site) plan for Flogas as a result of its top tier COMAH status. The exercise is scheduled to take place on Friday 13th November 2015 in the Towers Hotel and Spa, Jersey Marine. Organisations represented at this exercise will include the Joint Resilience Unit, Neath

Port Talbot County Borough Council, South Wales Police, Welsh Ambulance Service, Mid and West Wales Fire Service, Natural Resources Wales, Public Health Wales and ABMU Health Board.

4.2 COMAH Operators Emergency Preparedness Action Committee (COEPAC)

The local COEPAC forum continues to meet, chaired by the JRU. The group has recently been expanded to include representation from the Welsh Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit (WECTU) and Gower Chemicals. This local forum was established by the JRU to bring together representatives from top-tier COMAH sites in South Wales (Vale Europe, Tata Steel, BOC Gases, Flogas, Calor Gas and the Royal Mint), Emergency Services, Natural Resources Wales and the Local Authority, to share best practice and discuss learning from incidents / exercises in order to improve emergency plans and response. The establishment of the COEPAC group has been successful and viewed as best practise in other areas.

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