



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Working Group – Emergency Planning & Resilience**

Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 11 October 2017 at 10.30 am

Present: Councillor M H Jones (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
S J Gallagher
S Pritchard

Councillor(s)
T J Hennegan
T M White

Councillor(s)
P Jones

Officer(s)

Craig Gimblett

Corporate Health, Safety, Emergency Management & Wellbeing Manager

Bethan Hopkins

Scrutiny Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C L Philpott

1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

None

2 Emergency Planning and Resilience Overview

- Craig Gimblett Corporate Health, Safety, Emergency Management and Wellbeing Manager attended to give the Panel an overview and update of his service
- The Panel commented that they were disappointed the old Joint Resilience Committee with Neath Port Talbot had been disbanded without consultation
- The Panel felt that a committee should be in place regarding such an important topic
- Craig commented that Swansea has different challenges in relation to risk
- Swansea and Neath Port Talbot share some services and would both assist each other in the case of an emergency
- The department carries out a range of desktop and practical exercises
- The department links in with Mid and West Wales Fire Service the South Wales Police and has good relationships with other stakeholders
- In the event if an incident, the department would support other emergency services and have a strong visibility in the community
- The department also plan and assess ongoing and new risks

- There is some immediate investment being made into the department to facilitate moves and new equipment but it is a small budget overall
- Discussed how information was disseminated to Councillors regarding what they do in the case of an emergency. Some councillors have had no information at all
- Discussed Swansea's plans around business continuity in the case of an incident
- Craig informed the Panel about some of the work which has been undertaken with schools, night time rangers and city centre staff
- There was a circulation for councillors previously around Emergency Management and Resilience but it hasn't been sent out as standard to all Councillors
- The Civil Contingencies duty is due to be devolved to Welsh Government on 1st April 2018. This may impact financial assistance in relation to incidents, but more will be known at a later date

3 Discussion and Questions

Councillors discussed issues and proposed recommendations

The meeting ended at 12.05 pm

Chair