



**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
EMERGENCY PLANNING UNIT**

Committee Report

Meeting: CIVIL CONTINGENCIES COMMITTEE: 18 JANUARY 2010

Subject: EPU PERFORMANCE REPORT – 1ST & 2ND QUARTERS 2009/10

Report of the Chief Emergency Planning Officer

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with a progress report on the analysis of performance against targets for the first two quarters of financial year 2009/2010 (April to September 2009) as detailed in the EPU Business Plan 2009/10.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Progress reports relating to the performance of the EPU are normally produced five times per year: i.e. one report is produced at the end of each quarter relating to the preceding quarters targets; and a final summary report is produced at the year end on the overall delivery outputs relating to stated business plan commitments.
- 2.2 This year, members will be aware from a report tabled at the September 2009 Civil Contingencies Committee, that the 2009 EPU business plan was delayed. This was due in part to a new way of working identified by the Strategic Management Board (comprising of representatives from the five Tyne and Wear councils) and to the onset of swine flu.
- 2.3 Due to this delay, the EPU business plan was not signed off in March as in previous years, but was delayed until the end of July 2009. In light of this, a decision was taken to move most of the work identified in the plan to quarters 3 and 4 in order for EPU staff to complete appropriate scoping and project planning work.

3. SCHEDULED WORK COMPLETED TO QUARTER 2

- 3.1 The table appended to this report provides information on the work completed since April 2009 by the EPU.

4. UNSCHEDULED WORK COMPLETED TO QUARTER 2

- 4.1 The following work has been completed in addition to work described in the 2009/10 Work Plan.

- Completion of the Community Resilience Strategy Action Plan with Gateshead Council
- Participation in Exercise White Noise
- Completion of the LRF Multi Agency Pandemic Influenza Plan in conjunction with core planning group
- Working with Newcastle City Council to facilitate their Core Cities event in 2010.

5 SUMMARY

- 5.1 This report details both work areas that are completed and also those which, although they are longer term projects, have been commenced and are ongoing pieces of work.
- 5.2 Quarter 3 progress will be reported to this committee in April 2010.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 Members are requested to note this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The under mentioned Background Papers held in the EPU offices relate to the subject matter of the above report:-

- Business Plan 2008/10

Strategic Objective : To ensure that robust arrangements are in place to enable an effective response

Subject	Aim	Outcome	Status
Pandemic Influenza	LRF Multi Agency Plan completed. EPU officer involved in core planning team and ownership of plan rests with EPU	LRF Multi Agency Pandemic Influenza Plan available on GONE website. This describes how partners from a range of sectors will work together to provide a coordinated response to current and future pandemics.	Completed
Excess Deaths	LRF Multi Agency Plan Framework produced by EPU.	The framework will be completed with a range of partners, including HM Coroners, Health agencies and local authorities to enhance the response to fatalities arising from human infectious diseases.	Ongoing
Evacuation and Shelter	Metrocentre evacuation plan progressed with Metrocentre management, emergency services and Gateshead Council.	A multi agency evacuation plan has been signed off and provides response arrangements in relation to the Metrocentre	Completed
Radiation	Development of response protocols for nuclear train incidents in Tyne and Wear	Distributed to SMB members for inclusion in Emergency Response Plans	Completed
Radiation	Update and maintenance of RIMNET arrangements	Updated arrangements in place	Completed
Animal Health	Update and maintain Animal Diseases Plan	Updated plan in place and part of a review cycle	Completed
Animal Health	Update and maintain Rabies Plan	Updated plan in place and part of a review cycle	Completed

Animal Health	Develop animal health plans for Gateshead	Updated plan in place and part of a review cycle	Completed
CBRN	Establish local site specific planning arrangements	Plan produced via SSP Planning Group and awaiting consultation following completion of national evaluation scheme	Completed
Flooding	To update LRF multi Agency Flood plan in line with DEFRA/EA guidelines.	The plan is being updated with a range of partners, including Environment Agency, Health agencies, local authorities, Northumbrian Water, Northumbria Police, Highway Agency and utilities companies to enhance the multi-agency response of flooding.	Ongoing

Strategic Objective: To work with all communities to build their resilience and ability to cope with crises

Subject	Aim	Outcome	Status
Community Resilience	Maintain awareness of initiatives and links to resilience to support council resilience teams to address community cohesion issues	Support as required	Ongoing

Strategic Objective: To identify, quantify and treat risks and threats

Subject	Aim	Outcome	Status
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Community Risk Register (CRR)	Work with councils to coordinate the Tyne and Wear input to the LRF CRR	Tyne and Wear issues incorporated into CRR. This updated version was published in December 2009.	Completed
Community Risk Register (CRR)	Represent councils on LRF Risk Assessment Working Group	Feedback from meetings and identification of emerging issues	Ongoing
Horizon Scanning	Maintain horizon scanning activities to identify new and emerging risks.	Reports to SMB as required	Ongoing

Strategic Objective: To develop robust arrangements to enable the rebuilding, restoring and rehabilitation of the community after an emergency

Subject	Aim	Outcome	Status
Site Clearance	Development of site clearance protocols and arrangements	Scoping paper with SMB with recommendations for action	Completed

Strategic Objective: To develop and maintain relationships and coordinated arrangements across agencies in preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies

Subject	Aim	Outcome	Status
CBRN	Continue role as Regional CBRN Chair	Chair and direct the work of the multi agency regional group	Ongoing

CBRN	Continue role as North East representative for National CBRN Group	Contribute to the group and feedback and report back to SMB	Ongoing
Mass Fatalities	Continue to represent councils on Regional Mass Fatalities Group	Contribute to the group and feedback and report back to SMB	Ongoing
Mass Fatalities	Continue to represent councils on LRF Mass Fatalities Group	Contribute to the group and feedback and report back to SMB	Ongoing
Training and Exercising	Continue with role of Chair of LRF Exercise and Training Group	Contribute to the group and feedback and report back to SMB	Ongoing
CBRN	Chair and lead on Site Specific CBRN planning	Chair and direct the work of the multi agency regional group	Ongoing

Strategic Objective: To develop and maintain appropriate skills to enable effective preparedness, response and recovery

Subject	Aim	Outcome	Status
Training and Exercising	Develop and facilitate multi agency pandemic influenza awareness sessions	Two events took place in July 2009 in response to the onset of swine flu	Completed
Training and Exercising	To develop and deliver strategic level training to the Newcastle City Council Executive Leadership Team in conjunction with Newcastle resilience staff	Training completed in October 2009	Completed
Training and Exercising	Following successful completion of national evaluation scheme, an EPU officer was invited to develop and deliver elements of the National Emergency Planning College SSP Training Course.	Start of delivery completed in November 2009. Future invitations are anticipated as part of ongoing programme.	Completed

Training and Exercising	Development and delivery of BCM awareness training to Gateshead Procurement Team	Session delivered in March 2009	Completed
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Strategic Objective: To validate and test the integrity of arrangements			
Subject	Aim	Outcome	Status
Training and Exercising	Continue as leading member of Norland Series Planning and Steering Groups	Agreement of members, EPU input	Ongoing
Training and Exercising	Delivery of Norland exercise calendar for the five councils in Tyne and Wear	Sunderland and Newcastle have both conducted Norland exercises in 2009	Ongoing
CBRN	Successful completion of phases 1 and 2 of the national evaluation process for SSP's	Evaluation successfully completed. Plan ready to move to phase 3.	Completed
CBRN	Development and delivery of SSP awareness sessions to regional resilience partners	Completed courses to TW FRS, EA, NCC, Regional CBRN Partners (including initial awareness session to enable Cleveland to start the SSP planning process.	Completed

Strategic Objective: To ensure effective communication before, during and after an emergency			
Subject	Aim	Outcome	Status
Resilient Communications	Maintain updated MTPAS registrations	Update completed and part of a regular review cycle	Completed
Resilient Communications	To take part in Exercise White Noise	Contributed to exercise and feedback to SMB	Completed

Strategic Objective: To ensure that arrangements are in place to support vulnerable people before, during and after an emergency

Subject	Aim	Outcome	Status
Vulnerabilities	To create a list of lists to enable responders to identify individual needs in an emergency	List of list being prepared with information from responding organisations.	Ongoing

Strategic Objective: To effectively respond to emergencies

Date	Area	Emergency
04-Jun-09	Sunderland	Water Loss at Sunderland Civic Centre
23-Jun-09	Sunderland	Sulphuric Acid Spillage
08-Jul-09	South Tyneside	Garage fire in Hebburn - Gas Cylinders involved
17-Jul-09	Tyne & Wear	Flood warning, excessive rainfall
18-Jul-09	Tyne & Wear	Flood warning, excessive rainfall
01-Aug-09	Newcastle	Loss of 999
06-Sep-09	Sunderland	Loss of 999