

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**MEETING: 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

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**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANNING ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION  
15-17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER**

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**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This year's Emergency Planning Society's (EPS) Annual Conference and Exhibition 2009 is scheduled to be held at The Ricoh Arena, Coventry on 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- 1.2 The conference aims to provide an opportunity for learning and a networking platform for individuals involved in emergency planning and business continuity. The focus will be on the key current and emerging challenges in the field of emergency planning. Tyne and Wear Emergency Planning Unit has been asked to run one of the workshops at this prestigious event.

**2 KEY PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITION**

- 2.1 Conference delegates will learn from a wide array of speakers involved in resilience from a variety of fields. Presentations will cover:-
  - Core Competencies
  - Security and Safety at Mass Gatherings
  - Challenges - 20 Years on from the Decade of Disasters: What Have we Learned?
  - Maintaining Alternative Water Supplies
  - Dealing with Mass Death
  - Pandemic Preparedness
- 2.2 Workshop Sessions will focus on the following:-
  - Community Impact Assessment
  - The Emergency Planning Society CBRN group work
  - The Emergency Planning Society Business Continuity and Human Aspects group work
  - Revised Guidance on PPS 25
  - Research Methods Workshop
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- The National Occupational Standards (*Joe Walton, Principal Emergency Planning Officer, Tyne and Wear Emergency Planning Unit*)

2.3 Running alongside the Conference will be an exhibition with specialist companies displaying the latest equipment and services designed to provide the resources required in responding to modern day threats.

### **3 COSTS**

3.1 The full Conference fee is as follows:-

- Non - EPS members - £580
- EPS members – 15% discount

3.2 Accommodation and travel costs are **not** included in the above fees. All conference costs are normally covered by the members host authority. Booking forms are held at the Emergency Planning Unit.

### **4 ATTENDANCE BY THIS AUTHORITY**

4.1 Members attendance at this event is usually determined by a rota organised by the Democratic Services section of Sunderland City Council.

4.2 The conference commences on the afternoon of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 with the EPS AGM and an icebreaker event, and the main conference starts on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Delegates would however need to travel to the event on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June which, members should note is also the date of the Fire and Rescue Authority AGM.

### **5 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no equality and fairness implications in respect of this report

### **6 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no health and safety implications in respect of this report

### **7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 Members are asked to:

- i) Note the involvement of Tyne and Wear Emergency Planning Unit in running a workshop for this event, and
- ii) Approve the attendance of a member of this Authority at the conference, to be selected from rota.

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### **Background Papers**

The under mentioned Background Papers refer to the subject matter of the above report:

- Publicity information relating to the Conference which is available on the Emergency Planning Society website <http://www.epsconference2009.org/>