

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**Item 9**

**MEETING: 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010**

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**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANNING ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND  
EXHIBITION 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2010**

**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 2010 - entitled 'A Decade of Disasters Take 2: Past, Present and Future' - is scheduled to be held at The SECC, Glasgow on 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010.
- 1.2 The conference has been designed to address the issues in civil contingencies and resilience raised by the events of the last decade in an effort to allow us to understand how to better plan for the future. It will 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.

**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:-
- Health Emergencies, a Global Perspective
  - Cooperation and Coordination
  - Haiti - Aid Response from the UK
  - National and International Interfaces when Responding to Disaster
  - Critical National Infrastructure
  - Olympics 2012
  - Resilient Highways
  - Emerging Threats: Applying Science to Disaster Management
- 2.2 Workshop Sessions will focus on the following:-

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- Embedding Business Continuity Management for BS25999 Accreditation
  - Mass Fatalities - exploring options and challenges when dealing with a mass fatalities situation.
  - Innovative Approaches to Exercise Planning and Management: showcasing an innovative approach to exercising using practitioner developed "Exercise Guidance" and a web-based tool – the National Exercise Information System (NExIS) - which maps multi-agency exercises and live events.
- 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:-
- EPS members - £561; non EPS members - £660
- 3.2 Rates are inclusive of the 'Welcome On Arrival Event' and Networking (from 1500 on 21st June 2010), Conference Ice Breaker (evening of 21st June 2010), two day Conference and Exhibition (22nd and 23rd June 2010), attendance at The Emergency Planning Awards 2010 and Conference Dinner (evening of 22nd June 2010). Rate includes attendance at Conference sessions, welcome on arrival coffee, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea on each Conference day.
- 3.3 Accommodation and travel costs are **not** included in the above fees. All conference, travel and accommodation costs are normally covered by the members own host authority. Booking forms are held at the offices of the Emergency Planning Unit.

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

- 4.1 Members attendance at this event is usually one elected member selected from the rota organised by the Democratic Services section of Sunderland City Council, accompanied by two officers from the Emergency Planning Unit.

### **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 requested to approve attendance at this conference.

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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 [www.epsconference2010.org](http://www.epsconference2010.org)

