

Briefing Paper

Emergency Planning Shared Service Joint Committee – Rotherham and Sheffield

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Rotherham Town Hall

Purpose of paper:

To update Members on the program of exercise over the forthcoming year.

Background information:

SCC Corporate Exercise

Following the success of the RMBC Recovery Exercise facilitated by the EPSS in May 2013, the Team will now run a similar exercise in SCC in March 2014. The plan will be to test the new Corporate Recovery Plan which will be issued in draft before the exercise. Learning from the day will then be used to produce a final version of the plan. The exercise will be based on Sheffield's recovery from the scenario in Exercise Rutland (see below).

RMBC Corporate Exercise

RMBC SLT has approved half a day to carry out the Corporate Exercise for 2014. It will take place on the morning of the 15 May and will focus on Emergency Response, specifically testing the relevant 'emergency' rooms in Riverside House. The Team are working on a scenario that will test a large proportion of council services.

Multi-Agency Exercises

The EPSS is involved in the planning for a number of multi-agency exercises with colleagues from the Local Resilience Forum (LRF). The following exercises are taking place during 2014:

- *'Rutland' (4 Feb)*
This LRF Exercise that was postponed in Oct 2013 due to the ongoing Fire Strike. The exercise aims to test the Off-Site Reservoirs plans for the County. It will take place at SYFR Training Centre in Handsworth, Sheffield.
- *'Garin' (21 Feb)*
A West Yorkshire exercise which SY LRF has been invited to take part. The exercise is to test arrangements for the Tour de France.
- *'Volunteer' (12 March)*
This was postponed from Sept 2013. SYFR successfully applied for funding to run an exercise that involves a number of Voluntary Agencies. The exercise itself will involve 'live' play and will take place at Owlerton Stadium in Sheffield.

- *COMAH Exercise – Vitrex (8 April)*
'Live' play exercise at the Top Tier COMAH site in Rotherham to meet the requirements of the HSE regulations.
- *COMAH Exercise – Outokumpu (15 May)*
'Live' play exercise at the Top Tier COMAH site in Sheffield to meet the requirements of the HSE regulations.
- *'Cygnus' (13 -17 Oct)*
A National Pandemic Flu exercise. SY LRF will be playing a part in the exercise. Exact details are to be confirmed.

Conclusion:

All agencies within the LRF are facing significant resourcing reductions yet, at this time, it continues to maintain a viable exercising and testing regime, albeit it is recognised that more would be achieved if resources were available.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.