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| Meeting Number: | 3                                      | Chair: |                |
| Date:           | Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026 | Time:  | 13:00-14:00hrs |
| Location:       | Microsoft Teams                        |        |                |

***\*Summary of actions, questions and decisions on Page 6\****

**Attendees:**

| Name: | Organisation:                     | Role in RCG:         |
|-------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
|       | Cardiff Council,                  | RCG Chair            |
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|       | Cardiff Council,                  |                      |
|       | British Red Cross                 |                      |
|       | Shared Regulatory Services        |                      |
|       | Cardiff Council,                  |                      |
|       | Cardiff Council,                  |                      |
|       | Cardiff Council,                  |                      |
|       | Welsh Government,                 |                      |
|       | Natural Resources Wales           |                      |
|       | Cardiff Council,                  |                      |
|       | South Wales Fire & Rescue Service |                      |
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|       | Cardiff Council,                  |                      |

***\*13:02hrs meeting start\****

**Opening Remarks:**

RCG Chair, , opened the meeting with a welcome to all partners, provided a brief overview of the structure of the first meeting, and ran through the agenda.

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Review of actions from previous meeting
3. Briefing / Progress Report from scene
4. AOB
5. Next meeting

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### 1. Introductions

For the interest of time, all attendees were asked to put their Name, Organisation, and Role in the RCG into the chat function on MS Teams.

### 2. Review of Previous Actions

█ ran through actions from previous meetings; partners gave updates as necessary.

| Action Number | Brief / Overview                                                                                                                                          | Update                                                                                                                | Status   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ACTION08      | █ to liaise with █ to discuss BRC offers of support                                                                                                       | Discussions held offline. Roles of BRC have been established.                                                         | COMPLETE |
| ACTION09      | █ and █ to liaise outside of the meeting to discuss ongoing steps in reducing cold callers and limit door knocking etc.                                   | Discussions held offline.                                                                                             | COMPLETE |
| ACTION10      | █ to continue neighbourhood patrol and consider the deployment of CRTA's to site to advice and support effected residents.                                | █ not present at meeting, no update provided.                                                                         | ONGOING  |
| ACTION11      | █ to share Breedon's contact to be shared with █.                                                                                                         | Contact shared                                                                                                        | COMPLETE |
| ACTION12      | █ to coordinate offers of support and additional resources requirements and develop and implement a co-ordinated model (to insurance and clean-up advice) | █ co-ordinating from scene. Citizens advice on legality and insurance queries, Trading standards and BRC all on site. | COMPLETE |
| ACTION13      | █ and █ to discuss RCG objectives and appoint owners.                                                                                                     | Ongoing discussions outside of meetings, items are becoming clearly defined.                                          | ONGOING  |

To note, only ongoing actions will be recorded in the notes of future meetings.

### 3. Briefing / Progress Report from Scene

#### Heol Goch – Highway and Banking Assessment

█ provided an overview from highways/banking integrity; high level points include:

- ESP visited site (04/08/26) and are underway with producing an assessment report which should be received on 05/08/26
- Expectations are that the bank/slope will need ongoing monitoring and assessment due to the new channel of water created by the initial breach – wet conditions / heavy rainfall may continue to undermine the integrity of the bank
- Ongoing communications with land owners in the affected areas
- Assessments are taking place as to how/when the highway can be reopened

█ noted the aim to have Heol Goch open (with limited or restricted access) within the next 24hours. Ongoing engagement from highways, network management, Breedon's and contractors to fulfil the reopening of the highway. Precise parameters to be established regarding reimposing

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hard closures overnight for repair and remediation works to begin. Vital need to be clear with timescales.

■ will draft a clear communication piece/statement, providing updates for partner organisations, members and residents.

### NRW Sampling Results

■ gave a brief overview of NRW sampling results. Highlights include:

- Further results have been received
- Sampling results show a small, localised impact during the incident
- Unlikely that future sample results will show negative impacts
- Slightly higher chemical levels measured in the River Taff – no concerns with NRW

**ACTION:** ■ to share results with ■/SRS

### SRS Sampling Activity

■ provided an overview of SRS sampling activity. Highlights include:

- SRS began sampling (04/08/26) with sampling completed (05/08/26)
- Samples were taken from residential properties (including numbers 7, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 27), other properties either did not have sufficient sample material, or access could not be gained
- Samples taken from the playing grounds
- Samples have been sent to the laboratory with results expected within 3-days

### Parks Update

■ provided an update on behalf of Cardiff Council Parks Services. High level updates include:

- Officers have been on site (05/08/26) and met with Richford's (Contractors)
- Confirmed that Richford's will not be able to clear playing field as they do not have the necessary specialised plant machinery or infrastructure
- Cardiff Council are liaising with an external provider/contractor to clear playing fields – pitches require comb and brush to reduce risk to future fixtures and safety of players
- Contractors to be on site either Friday 9<sup>th</sup> or Monday 10<sup>th</sup>
- Contractors will clear playing fields; disposing of spoil/debris into the car park
- Richford's will then dispose of spoil/debris from car park
- Richford's proposed to sanitise the play area – ■ noted that Richford's have been asked to engage with Cardiff Council before sanitation is carried out to ensure products used align with the Council's Playground Inspection System and COSHH standards

■ noted a potential risk of a belt of trees (that have been known to fail during inclement weather), are likely to have been affected by the volume of debris and water flow. ■ advised that an arboriculture assessment of all trees on Breedon's land.

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**ACTION: [REDACTED] to share contacts with [REDACTED] – subsequent liaison with Breedon's and Richford's**

[REDACTED] note that an assessment of the tree integrity was noted in the report provided regarding the Public Right of Way. [REDACTED] noted the report encouraged Breedon's to apply for a closure to the Public Right of Way until full assessments of the land and tree lines have been completed.

[REDACTED] advise that if contractors can begin on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, works should be complete by mid next week. [REDACTED] confirmed that there will be no impact to fixtures on the playing fields, and there has been no impact to the changing rooms.

[REDACTED] noted that Gwaelod Football Club have begun to seek other playing fields – taking a position that fixtures would be affected. [REDACTED] noted that positive community reactions will take place once communications are shared of reopening of the playing fields.

#### Cleansing Update

[REDACTED] provided an update regarding the cleansing of the affected areas. Highlights include:

- [REDACTED] attended site (05/08/26)
- Richford's and Egan Waste are cleaning properties on Heol Berry, Heol y Nant, Viaduct Road and Main Road
- The washing of Heol Berry will commence once confirmation has taken place that the drains are clear – *NOTE: Residents have been removing water/mud from properties and pouring down the drains*
- Agreed that a site meeting will take place on Friday
- Residents to remove cars so jet washing can take place over a few days

[REDACTED] encouraged a letter drop/door knocking to ensure as many vehicles are removed from the necessary streets to allow clear access for drain clearance and jet wash crews.

**ACTION: [REDACTED] to liaise with [REDACTED] re letter drops to residents on affected streets advising of jet washing and drain clearance.**

[REDACTED] noted that residents have raised concerns with cold caller, “ambulance chasers” and scrap metal collectors.

[REDACTED] highlighted that waste water from jet washing will enter the river, so encouraged a phase approach to cleansing to allow the River Taff to recover between ingress of waste water. [REDACTED] confirmed jet washing to take place in sections.

NRW representative to attend site in Friday (09/08/26) to liaise and advice jet wash crews where possible.

**ACTION: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to liaise outside of meeting to arrange NRW representative at on-site meeting (09/08/26).**

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### Welfare Support

■ provided an update on the community welfare aspect of recovery. High level points include:

- Production of a “Fact Sheet” that can be shared with residents to debunk clean up myths
- Advice line has been set up for residents to call for FAQs
- Social media posts have been published
- Update for Ward Members and Community Councillor to be developed
- Awaiting update on accessibility to Gwaelod-Y-Garth village hall next week.

### Housing

■ provided a brief overview on housing and accommodation. Updates include:

- Council tenants still being supported with the move into temporary accommodation
- Ongoing referrals to emotional and wellbeing officer
- Engagement with Breedon’s to discuss repair works to council properties

#### **4. AOB**

No comments or items

#### **5. Next Meeting**

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026, 13:00-14:00hrs, Microsoft Teams**

Frequency of meetings to be discussed at next meeting, likely that there will be two meeting w/c 10<sup>th</sup> August. Ongoing RCG meetings to be reviewed.

Priorities for future meetings to focus on monitoring of community welfare, tensions around insurance, and the return to BAU.

**\*13:28hrs meeting closed\***

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**Summary of Actions and Decision:**

| Item            | Brief / Overview                                                                                                                    | Owner     | Update                                                                                                                                                     | Status          |
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| <b>ACTION01</b> | NRW to confirm content of the samples taken (just water sampling, or material sampling).                                            | NRW       | <i>Note in chat- NRW only took water samples</i><br>04.08.26 - Material samples only (no water). NRW will provide context on results as and when received. | <b>COMPLETE</b> |
| <b>ACTION02</b> | ■■■■ PHW to share physical materials that can be shared with residents that present at the village hall in regard to safe clean-up. | PHW / EMU | Shared with EMU                                                                                                                                            | <b>COMPLETE</b> |
| <b>ACTION03</b> | ■■■■ EMU to scope assistance from voluntary agencies to provide community support and advice at the village hall.                   | ■■■■      | ■■■■ to provided update as agenda item. See <b>ACTION 12</b>                                                                                               | <b>COMPLETE</b> |
| <b>ACTION04</b> | ■■■■ and ■■■■ to discuss offline to understand the placement of a Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) at the scene.              | ■■■■/■■■■ | ■■■■ deployed to Gwaelod-Y-Garth Village Hall as a LALO                                                                                                    | <b>COMPLETE</b> |
| <b>ACTION05</b> | Centralised comms strategy to be discussed to cover the support and advice being provided at scene                                  | ■■■■      | ■■■■ to provided update as agenda item. See <b>ACTION 12</b>                                                                                               | <b>COMPLETE</b> |
| <b>ACTION06</b> | ■■■■ EMU to develop and detailed Recovery Strategy Framework ahead of next RCG meeting.                                             | ■■■■      | ■■■■ to provided update as agenda item.                                                                                                                    | <b>COMPLETE</b> |
| <b>ACTION07</b> | ■■■■/ EMU to formulate a detailed Recovery Action Plan ahead of next RCG meeting.                                                   | ■■■■      | ■■■■ to provided update as agenda item.                                                                                                                    | <b>COMPLETE</b> |
| <b>ACTION08</b> | ■■■■ to liaise with ■■■■ to discuss BRC offers of support                                                                           | ■■■■/LW   | Discussions held offline. Roles of BRC have been established.                                                                                              | <b>COMPLETE</b> |

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| <b>ACTION10</b>   | ■■■ / SWP to continue neighbourhood patrol and consider the deployment of CRTA's to site to advice and support effected residents.                          | ■■■         |                           | <b>ONGOING</b>  |
| <b>ACTION11</b>   | ■■■ to share Breedon's contact to be shared with ■■■                                                                                                        | ■■■■■       | Contact shared.           | <b>COMPLETE</b> |
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| <b>ACTION13</b>   | ■■■ and ■■■ to discuss RCG objectives and appoint owners.                                                                                                   | ■■■■■       |                           | <b>ONGOING</b>  |
| <b>ACTION14</b>   | ■■■ to share results with ■■■/SRS                                                                                                                           | ■■■■■ (SRS) |                           | <b>ONGOING</b>  |
| <b>ACTION15</b>   | ■■■ to share contacts with ■■■ – subsequent liaison with Breedon's and Richford's                                                                           | ■■■■■       |                           | <b>ONGOING</b>  |
| <b>ACTION16</b>   | ■■■ to liaise with ■■■ re letter drops to residents on affected streets advising of jet washing and drain clearance.                                        | ■■■■■       |                           | <b>ONGOING</b>  |
| <b>ACTION17</b>   | ■■■ and ■■■ to liaise outside of meeting to arrange NRW representative at on-site meeting (09/08/26).                                                       | ■■■■■       |                           | <b>ONGOING</b>  |
|                   |                                                                                                                                                             |             |                           |                 |
| <b>DECISION01</b> | Sampling results to be sent through to SRS in a phased approach (as and when received within NRW).                                                          |             |                           |                 |
| <b>DECISION02</b> | TOR approved by all partners (13:28hrs)                                                                                                                     |             |                           |                 |

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| <b>DECISION03</b> | Membership list approved by all partners (13:29hrs)                                                                |  |  |  |
| <b>DECISION04</b> | Draft Recovery Strategy confirmed and approved by partners – pending detailed framework (13:43hrs).                |  |  |  |
| <b>DECISION05</b> | Group to meet daily until further review of meeting frequency.                                                     |  |  |  |
| <b>DECISION06</b> | Contractors from Breedon's are approved to clean affected areas (residential streets, highway, footway and parks). |  |  |  |
| <b>DECISION07</b> | Strategy and Objectives approved by the group (13.38hrs).                                                          |  |  |  |