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Meeting Number:	1	Chair:	
Date:	Monday 3 rd August, 2026	Time:	13:00-14:00hrs
Location:	Microsoft Teams		

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Attendees:

Name:	Organisation:	Role in RCG:
	Cardiff Council,	RCG Chair
	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	Scribe
	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	Cardiff Council Gold
	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Public Health Wales,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	South Wales Police,	
	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service,	
	Welsh Government,	
	Shared Regulatory Services	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Shared Regulatory Services	
	Welsh Government,	
	Natural Resources Wales	
	Public Health Wales	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Welsh Government,	
	Public Health Wales	

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

Opening Remarks:

Confirmation and ratification were sought from group in regard to the Chair. All in agreement with no comments.

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.

Chair made a note of thanks to all partners ongoing support and commitment to the response and recovery phases so far in relation to the incident at Gwaelod-Y-Garth. Chair thanks the

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continued cross-organisation working, and the positive and encouraging work from all colleagues and partner organisations to date.

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Immediate issues / urgent actions
3. Agree RCG Terms of Reference
4. Agree RCG membership
5. Briefing / Progress Report from the scene
6. Determine Recovery Strategy
7. Recovery action plan formulation – sub-groups required
8. Frequency of meetings
9. Any Other Business

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.

■ provided a brief introduction to the background information of the incident. Giving an overview of the timeline from Thursday 31st July, to present (Monday 3rd August).

High Level points included:

- Thursday 30th July 2026, initial call received from SWFRS noting an initial response to flooding in Gwaelod-Y-Garth area of Cardiff.
- Water had been reported to be flowing down Heol Goch, Gwaelod-Y-Garth, causing both internal and external flooding of properties along Heol Berry (residential) and some (commercial) properties off Main Road.
- Immediate response at scene was delivered by South Wales Police, South Wales Fire & Rescue, Cardiff Council (various teams)) on Thursday afternoon.
- Two multi-agency Tactical Co-ordination Group (TCG) meetings took place on Thursday afternoon and one on Friday, chaired by Martin O’Keefe, SWFRS.
- On Friday 31st July, the blue light response ceased, and a Recovery Handover Certificate was completed by SWFRS and Cardiff Council. Cardiff Council took over as the lead agency for Recovery, noting all residual risks.

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2. Immediate Issues / Urgent Actions

Chair opened the floor to all partners to give the opportunity to raise any urgent actions or information that needed to be discussed.

Issue 1: Bank Stability on Heol Goch

Chair opened the floor for partners to update on the closure of a major ingress and egress route to the area of Gwaelod-Y-Garth, asking for updates on the progress so far.

■ noted that he had been in contact with groups in the ground since Friday and over the weekend. ■ noted that a piece of work had been undertaken by Breedon's to look at the integrity of the bank. Breedon's point of view is that the structure of the bank poses no further risk or threat. It has been agreed at previous meetings that Cardiff Council will seek out an independent assessment of the bank.

■ updated that EPS (contractor) will attend site tomorrow (04/08/26) to begin an assessment of the bank. Questions remain around the bank stability as ground investigations have not yet taken place. EPS will carry out ground investigations, confirmation of stability may not be immediate, but a better understanding will be made once assessment begins. Results of ground investigations will determine next steps in terms of reinstatement and opening of the highway.

A programme of the reinstatement works will be developed, which may allow a partial lane closure. Update to be given at close of play tomorrow (04/08/26).

Group confirmed that EPS Slope Stability Officer will only assess the area of bank, which was breached by the water flow, not the entirety of the bank slope.

Query was raised regarding a nearby Coal Tip, and whether it has been affected by the incident. SWFRS confirmed that the Coal Tip was assessed during the initial operational response phase and confirmed no issues or concerns were identified.

Confirmation that clean-up of Heol Goch is ongoing. Reopening of the carriageway remains a priority, ■ noted that the Beam Sweeper will be on site tomorrow to clean up Heol Goch and Main Road junction. Concern remains regarding the ingress of water under the carriageway. Further understanding available tomorrow once carriageway has been cleared.

Issue 2: NRW Sampling activities and Results

NRW officers attended scene on Thursday, during response phase, to collect various samples across various locations. ■ confirmed that samples have all been collected and are awaiting results. ■ queried whether results would be preferred as they come, or in one complete package once all results received.

DECISION: Sampling results to be sent through to SRS in a phased approach (as and when received within NRW).

ACTION: NRW to confirm content of the samples taken (just water sampling, or material sampling)

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Note in chat- NRW only took water samples

Issue 3: SRS sampling activity

■ confirmed SRS officers have planned to attend site tomorrow (04/08/26) as a precautionary measure given the history of that site that is held on file. Sample collection will take place with an expedited turn around, roughly a 3-day timeframe for results. ■ noted that an onsite assessment will have to take place to note what will need to be sampled (e.g., locations: playing fields and properties etc).

Issue 4: Housing / Homelessness / Tenancy

■ noted there are 17 Council properties and 4 flats within the affected area (Heol Berry). Following door knocking it has been confirmed that 5 properties have been affected (2 garden only, 3 internal and external damage). Homelessness Officers were on scene on Thursday. Emergency accommodation was provided for two families, with one more in discussion. Temporary accommodation is being sought for those unable to return home. Repairs inspectors will be carrying out a schedule of works to allow residents to return home.

Ongoing engagement with tenancy teams to assist if other residents/tenants present with unsuitable conditions living conditions. Two owner occupiers made contact on Thursday evening, they have sought alternative arrangements (family and friends).

Designated officers have been assigned to each tenant affected, to offer ongoing support. Money Advice team is located at the Gwaelod-Y-Garth village hall, 0900-1200hrs Mon-Fri, to offer advice and support to those that present at the village hall.

ACTION: ■ / PHW to share physical materials that can be shared with residents that present at the village hall in regards to safe clean-up.

ACTION: ■ / EMU to scope assistance from voluntary agencies to provide community support and advice at the village hall.

ACTION: ■ and ■ to discuss offline to understand the placement of a Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) at the scene.

ACTION: Centralised comms strategy to be discussed to cover the support and advice being provided at scene

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Issue 5: Community Support to those affected

Discussion had regarding ongoing community support at the village hall, and whether additional services and support can be provided by the local authority and partner agencies (Including voluntary organisations).

Advice and support that is provided at scene / village hall needs to be shared and echoed through comms and media.

3. Terms Of Reference (TOR) of the RCG

Group was presented with the draft TOR, including the aim and role of the RCG. Full TOR document had been circulated with all members of the RCG prior to the meeting.

DECISION: TOR approved by all partners (13:28hrs)

4. Membership of the RCG

Again, confirmation and ratification from the group to approve/agree the Chair is appropriate and proportionate. All in agreement with no comments.

No further comments or objections were noted in scope of additional or amended membership list.

DECISION: Membership list approved by all partners (13:29hrs)

To note, HSE are included in the membership, and distribution list should they wish to attend future RCGs. Given their involvement in investigations, no representative will be assumed in attendance unless contact is made.

5. Briefing / Progress Report from Scene

█ provide an in-depth report of works taken place to date. High level points include:

Thursday:

- Initial attendance requested was thought to be for flooding
- Teams arrived on scene with sand bags to find water had already settled in properties
- Initially 4 highway closures were put in place
- Initial clean up began to allow access to 24hr services at the veterinary hospital, police station, and residential streets that had no other access
- Closures remained in place from South Glade to Pentyrch (Clos Goch)

Friday:

- Gully cleansers on site to “suck” water from drainage systems and dispose off-site
- Network Management took over the oversight of the closures
- Clearing of the debris and mud began to allow “access only” to Heol Berry

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Saturday/Sunday:

- Moving of rubble and debris began and was disposed of off-site
- Cleaning of the highway began with wet solutions as a preference

Monday:

- Big clean of highway is underway
- Officers on site assessing public right of way footpath that passes through closure
- Richford's officers (contracted by Breedons) on site to assist residents with removal and collection of contaminated/sodden items.

Tuesday:

- Beam Sweeper to attend site and "deep clean" highway
- Following Beam Sweeper, highway assessment to be carried out

■ noted that network management remain on site to gain a better understanding of what can be put in place to gain some access through the closure. ■ noted that hard closures have been breached through the night while not manned by staff.

■ confirmed the importance of reopening the road, and to be a priority when safe to do so.

■ provided an update on behalf of Breedon's: Contractors are on site to help clear debris and rubble away from residents' homes. Door knocking / leaflet drops has been carried out to affected residents.

■ noted that Breedon's currently have a strong presence at site.

6. Recovery Strategy

Group was presented with the draft Recovery Strategy points for discussion and consideration. Draft strategy points are as follow:

- *Highways and Infrastructure*
- *Housing and Community Support*
- *Environmental – Bank stability and Sampling*
- *Communications and Support*

Chair opened the floor for discussion or considerations by colleagues. No comments.

DECISION: Draft Recovery Strategy confirmed and approved by partners – pending detailed framework (13:43hrs).

ACTION: ■ / EMU to develop and detailed Recovery Strategy Framework ahead of next RCG meeting.

7. Recovery Action Plan

ACTION: ■ / EMU to formulate a detailed Recovery Action Plan ahead of next RCG meeting.

8. Frequency of meetings

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Group decided and agreed that the initial RCG meetings should take place daily. Frequency can be reviewed at future meeting.

DECISION: Group to meet daily until further review of meeting frequency.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 4th August 2026, 13:00-14:00hrs, Microsoft Teams

9. AOB

No points raised.

13:46hrs meeting closed

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Summary of Actions and Decision:

Item	Brief / Overview	Owner	Update
ACTION01	NRW to confirm content of the samples taken (just water sampling, or material sampling).		<i>Note in chat- NRW only took water samples</i>
ACTION02	■■■ / PHW to share physical materials that can be shared with residents that present at the village hall in regard to safe clean-up.		
ACTION03	■■■ / EMU to scope assistance from voluntary agencies to provide community support and advice at the village hall.		
ACTION04	■■■ and ■■■ to discuss offline to understand the placement of a Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) at the scene.		
ACTION05	Centralised comms strategy to be discussed to cover the support and advice being provided at scene		
ACTION06	■■■ / EMU to develop and detailed Recovery Strategy Framework ahead of next RCG meeting.		
ACTION07	■■■ / EMU to formulate a detailed Recovery Action Plan ahead of next RCG meeting.		
DECISION01	Sampling results to be sent through to SRS in a phased approach (as and when received within NRW).		
DECISION02	TOR approved by all partners (13:28hrs)		
DECISION03	Membership list approved by all partners (13:29hrs)		
DECISION04	Draft Recovery Strategy confirmed and approved by partners – pending detailed framework (13:43hrs).		
DECISION05	Group to meet daily until further review of meeting frequency.		