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Meeting Number:	2	Chair:	
Date:	Tuesday 4 th 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,	
	South Wales Police,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	British Red Cross	
	Shared Regulatory Services	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Shared Regulatory Services	
	Welsh Government,	
	Natural Resources Wales	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Welsh Government,	
	HSE,	
	Cardiff Council,	

****13:01hrs 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. Recovery Strategy, Objectives, and Action Plan – Discussion
5. AOB
6. 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
ACTION01	NRW to confirm content of the samples taken.	Material samples only (no water). NRW will provide context on results as and when received.	COMPLETE
ACTION02	PHW to share physical materials that can be shared with affected residents at the village hall regarding safe clean-up.	Shared with EMU	COMPLETE
ACTION03	█/EMU to scope assistance from voluntary agencies to provide community support and advice at the village hall.	█ to provide update – agenda item. To be complete when discussed.	ONGOING
ACTION04	█ and █ to discuss offline the placement of a Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) at the scene.	█ deployed to Gwaelod-Y-Garth Village Hall as a LALO	COMPLETE
ACTION05	Centralised comms strategy to be discussed to cover the support and advice being provided at the scene.	█ to provide update – agenda item. To be complete when discussed.	ONGOING
ACTION06	█ / EMU to develop a detailed recovery strategy framework for 2 nd RCG meeting.	█ to provide update – agenda item. To be complete when discussed.	ONGOING
ACTION07	█ / EMU to formulate a detailed Recovery Action Plan ahead of 2 nd RCG meeting.	█ to provide update – agenda item. To be complete when discussed.	ONGOING

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

3. Briefing / Progress Report from Scene

█ provide further updates, following on from the sitrep provided at RCG meeting (03/08/26). High level points include:

- Beam sweeper currently on site; assumed to complete cleaning this afternoon
- Initial visual assessment of the carriage way seem favourable, however some areas raise concerns
- Tomorrow (05/08/26) beam sweeper to continue cleansing of carriageway that is open (Main Road, Heol Berry, Llys Tripp, South Glade, Rover Glade and sections of Heol Goch)
- Coring works to begin on closed section of highway (section of Heol Goch) to give a visual inspection of the damage caused by water ingress through layers of the carriageway
- Once results of visual inspection and coring works are complete, a reinstatement plan can be developed to manage closures (whether partial or hard closures)
- ESP due to arrive on site this afternoon

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- First priority of ESP – highlight risks (if any) that may be exaggerated from reinstatement works (caused by compaction and vibration etc.)
- Second priority of ESP to be bank stability and reopening of the closures

NOTE: Although visual results from coring can be immediate, full results/report will not be received straight away (days/weeks)

■ confirmed that highway cleansing and reinstatement is the focus of the comms piece today, while continuing to inform the public of closures and ongoing works.

■ confirmed teams have been liaising with Breedon's contractors onsite to coordinate clean up offers of residential areas, roads and playing fields.

Inspection of public right of way has been complete. Safety concerns have been raised. A formal report is being compiled by ■ (and team) and will be issued to Breedon's as the right of way falls within their land/boundary. Report will highlight Breedon's responsibilities and liabilities should further measures to stop public access not be taken.

■ noted that SRS are awaiting sample pot delivery before sampling can begin. Once received, sampling is aimed to start this afternoon (04/08/26).

■ highlights that NRW officers will be on site tomorrow (05/08/26) to assess the impacts to the SSSI.

NRW sampling results are due to be received Thursday/Friday. Narrative of results is being developed, ■ to rush narrative for results already received.

■ iterated that SRS sample results will be expedited with the lab. ■ raised a point around the clean-up of the playing fields. SRS are aiming to sample the debris on the playing fields, so it is important to ensure this is considered when parks being cleanup process.

■ confirmed the play area has not been affected by the incident. Staff are continuing to meet with Breedon's contractors on site so that removal of debris can be removed from pitches. ■ noted that as they are sports pitches, considerations must take place as to what plant machinery is used.

Discussions were had around cleansing that is ongoing. Richfords (contractors) from Breedon's are on site and have been approved to clear the highway, pavements and residential roads. Cardiff Council officers attend daily to ensure quality of work by contractors is to a good enough quality, and whether Council resources are needed to supplement cleansing works.

DECISION: Contractors from Breedon's are approved to clean affected areas (residential streets) with quality control oversight being provided by ■

■ highlighted the inspection of works and holding contractors to account is vital. Any issues to be escalated as necessary.

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Discussions were held regarding community welfare and additional resources required.

■ confirmed council officers are still liaising with, and supporting, tenants with moving from their affected properties. Additional officers, who have emotional and wellbeing support training, have been sought to provide additional services. MAT are still onsite providing advice to all residents.

■ highlighted the need for coordination on scene between organisations on scene to reduce the number those “door knocking” and providing support. HB will seek to liaise with Citizens Advice to gain specialist support and advice away from the scene.

■ discussed services offers that could be provided by British Red Cross (BRC). These offers include:

- Volunteers (currently on standby) to help at Gwaelod-Y-Garth Village Hall
- Cleaning equipment has been delivered to the village hall to help residents with the clean-up of their properties
- Cash assistance is available – those eligible to receive cash are those who have suffered from internal flooding – £100 per person, for families up to 5 people (max. £500). Cash could be provided in person, or over the phone (if details of those affected are shared).
- Emotional support offer, in person and over the phone – can be provided for a prolonged period if required

ACTION: ■ to liaise with ■ to discuss BRC offers of support.

■ noted that assistance can be given by SRS trading standards in relation to cold callers door knocking on affected properties.

ACTION: ■ and ■ to liaise out side of the meeting to discuss ongoing steps in reducing cold callers and limit door knocking etc.

■ provided an update on the community response and welfare from the scene. High level details include:

- General feeling of shell shock still amongst the community
- Uncertainty around the insurance side of community response – relating to Breedon’s offer, No Win No Fee operative on scene, and their own personal insurance
- Residents would appreciate a steer from the council as to potential next steps with regards to insurance and claims
- Positive feedback and engagement with residents on site, especially in relation to the MAT services
- Some residents have raised security concerns – theft and challenging visitors – due to windows and doors having to remain open during clean-up

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■ highlighted that Fairwater Neighbourhood Team have a patrol strategy in place currently. Patrol strategy to be maintained throughout the day, and hourly/2-hourly overnight. The Crime Reduction Tactical Advisors (CRTA) can also be sent to site to encourage good practice for property security.

ACTION: ■ / SWP to continue neighbourhood patrol and consider the deployment of CRTA's to site to advice and support effected residents.

To decrease uncertainty of the offers and responsibilities of those on site would be useful to better provide information to the public.

ACTION: ■ to share Breedon's contact to be shared with ■

■ noted that legal/insurance advice could be shared corporately to provide extra support.

ACTION: ■ to coordinate offers of support and additional resources requirements and develop and implement a co-ordinated model (to insurance and clean-up advice)

■ noted that comms offers are there to support in the production of material and literature as required.

4. Recovery Strategy, Objectives, and Action Plan

■ presented the group with the draft Recovery Strategy objective and action plans. All members of the RCG had received this document for comments prior to the meeting.

Draft strategy points are as follow:

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

No comments from RCG members.

Discussions to take place offline to appoint objective owners within the RCG and proposed timelines.

ACTION: ■ and ■ to discuss RCG objectives and appoint owners.

DECISION: Strategy and Objectives approved by the group (13.38hrs).

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5. AOB

Communications: ■ noted that tan all members briefing was shared on Friday (31/07/26) and the focus on comms has been on elected members since. Timings of comms to all members to be considered to include all work and progress completed. Considerations to be given to all member comms to be made in regard to sensitivities of particular aspects of the recovery.

■ noted that additional road signage to be put out around “informal” diversion (Min Road – Garth Hill) due to vehicle getting stuck at the hair pin. Potential for supporting comms to be shared to emphasise no access for larger vehicles.

6. Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5th August 2026, 13:00-14:00hrs, Microsoft Teams

Priorities for next meeting to focus on community welfare, bank stability and sampling results.

13:42hrs meeting closed

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Summary of Actions and Decision:

Item	Brief / Overview	Owner	Update	Status
ACTION01	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> 04.08.26 - Material samples only (no water). NRW will provide context on results as and when received.	COMPLETE
ACTION02	■■■ / 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	COMPLETE
ACTION03	■■■ / EMU to scope assistance from voluntary agencies to provide community support and advice at the village hall.	RH	■■■ to provided update as agenda item. See ACTION 12	COMPLETE
ACTION04	■■■ and ■■■ to discuss offline to understand the placement of a Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) at the scene.	PO/RH	■■■ deployed to Gwaelod-Y-Garth Village Hall as a LALO	COMPLETE
ACTION05	Centralised comms strategy to be discussed to cover the support and advice being provided at scene	■■■	■■■ to provided update as agenda item. See ACTION 12	COMPLETE
ACTION06	■■■ / EMU to develop and detailed Recovery Strategy Framework ahead of next RCG meeting.	■■■	■■■ to provided update as agenda item.	COMPLETE
ACTION07	■■■ / EMU to formulate a detailed Recovery Action Plan ahead of next RCG meeting.	■■■	■■■ to provided update as agenda item.	COMPLETE
ACTION08	■■■ to liaise with ■■■ to discuss BRC offers of support	■■■		
ACTION09	■■■ and ■■■ to liaise outside of the meeting to discuss ongoing steps in reducing cold callers and limit door knocking etc.	■■■		

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ACTION10	██████ / SWP to continue neighbourhood patrol and consider the deployment of CRTA's to site to advice and support effected residents.	██████		
ACTION11	██████ to share Breedon's contact to be shared with ██████.	██████		
ACTION12	██████ to coordinate offers of support and additional resources requirements and develop and implement a co-ordinated model (to insurance and clean-up advice)	██████		
ACTION13	██████ and ██████ to discuss RCG objectives and appoint owners.	██████		
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.			
DECISION06	Contractors from Breedon's are approved to clean affected areas (residential streets) with quality control oversight being provided by CC.			

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DECISION07	Strategy and Objectives approved by the group (13.38hrs).			
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