Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting It	Item number and title Res	solution	Progress
5 September 4 2019 N		endorses the recommendations of the North Wales Local Resilience Forum (NWLRF) following its joint review of the Llantysilio Mountain fire incident, for implementation at future mountain fire incidents, namely: (i) Convening of a physical or virtual Tactical Co-ordinating Group (TCG) to promote: • Multi agency interoperability • Consistent, proactive and agreed messages to public • Daily updates from agencies • Consideration of recovery issues earlier in response phase • Better understanding of	Council officers and partner organisations informed of the Committee's recommendations

- equipment resources for firefighting across different organisations.
- Understand the stresses and impacts on personnel in the primary (NWFRS) and supporting agencies
- (ii) To arrange and hold a joint familiarisation session to share knowledge and experience of heathland and grassland fires. This will also gain awareness of available resources and equipment of agencies across North Wales
- (iii) More structured engagement with graziers and landowners would assist in encouraging active land management. Consider using the National Strategic Arson Reduction Board (SARB) as a method of achieving wider support and buy in for reduction of wildfire risk.
- (iv) All agencies to review NWFRS gateway control procedures to ensure safety and for the incident

- command unit to be informed who is present at the scene
- (v) NRW to review Fire Risk Index and assess the information being fed into it. Once the index has been reviewed to share with other agencies
- (vi) Develop a regional wildfire plan for North Wales
- (vii) DCC and NRW to consider what further engagement is required to address concerns of local councillors and business interests that were affected during the response phase;
- (b) proposes the following recommendations in relation to dealing with major/emergency incidents and requests that they be included in the Regional Wildfire Plan:
 - (i) that a Tactical Co-ordinating Group should be established during the early stages of responding to a major/emergency incident, such as a wildfire, in order to facilitate a single-point of

Council officers and partner organisations, including the North Wales Counties Emergency Planning Service and the Local Resilience Forum, informed of the Committee's recommendations

contact for all agencies, those affected, press/media and public to ensure that all involved are fully briefed on the developing situation on a regular basis. The existence of this Group would aid effective handover of incident management responsibilities during shift changes. The TCG could be stood down if it became clear that it was no longer needed;

- (ii) the development of a list of local contractors and resources to assist during emergencies with the cutting of firebreaks etc. (similar to the winter maintenance contractor list which local authorities compile on a regular basis)
- (iii) information on how to deal with the potential loss of any telecommunications/TV/Radio other masts and crucial links their technology and immediate effect on the emergency services' response to local incidents. businesses. tourism and other industries and possibly local and national security;

- (iv) a requirement to liaise with the local Health Board and Public Health Wales where the welfare of sick and vulnerable residents is in question; and
- (v) consideration of the installation of temporary air/water quality monitors to safeguard the public's health during the duration of this type of incident;
- (c) recommends that an Upland/Moorland Management Officer post be established. The Committee sees the benefits of this post to include leading on the effective co-ordination with the various agencies, landowners, farmers, graziers and local communities on land management activities and plans, with a view to supporting the habitat, ecosystems and economies of upland areas and reducing the risk of wildfires. Relevant agencies are recommended to agree on how this key post can be financed and supported.

Discussions are underway between the Council's Countryside Services, Natural Resources Wales and North Wales Fire and Rescue Service with regards to the establishment of this post

- (d) writes to the Welsh Government seeking it to:
 - (i) act **urgently** to make sure that future Agricultural Policies are

A letter, along with a copy of the report, has been sent to the Welsh Government's Minister for

aimed at securing the economic and environmental sustainability of upland and moorland areas across Wales by ensuring that sheep farming practices and production, essential components for effective and sustainable land management in these areas, is economically viable and maintained for the future; and

- (ii) to seek financial assistance for the restoration work on Llantysilio Mountain;
- (e) receives regular information and updates on developments, and receives a report back to the Committee in six months' time on the progress made in addressing the recommendations laid out in the report.

Environment, Energy & Rural Affairs in line with the Committee's wishes.

A similar letter, and a copy of the report, has been sent on the Committee's behalf as its response to the Welsh Government's consultation document 'Sustainable Farming and our Land' which closes on 30 October 2019

A progress report is scheduled into the Committee's forward work programme report for its meeting on 12 March 2020 (see Appendix 1)