

Minutes (Public Version)

Meeting London Local Resilience Forum
Date Monday 10 October 2011
Time 2.00 pm
Place Committee Rooms 4 and 5, City Hall

Chair: Richard Barnes AM, Deputy Mayor of London

Attending (in alphabetical order of organisation):

Lt Col Brian Fahy, Joint Regional Liaison Officer, The Army
Andrew Trotter, Chief Constable, British Transport Police
Chris Duffield, Town Clerk and Chief Executive, City of London Corporation (Deputy Chair)
Frank Armstrong, Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
James Cruddas, Deputy Director, Resilience and Emergencies Division, Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)
Dave Wardle, London Environment Manager, Environment Agency
Ven Dr Paul Wright, Faith Sector Panel
Ashley Barrett, Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer, London Ambulance Service
John O'Brien, Chief Executive, London Councils
Gary Reason, Assistant Commissioner, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority
Andrew Pritchard, Head of Emergency Planning, London Fire Brigade (Emergency Planning)
Rose Fitzpatrick, Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police Service
Andy Wapling, Head of Emergency Preparedness, NHS London
Nick Walkley, Chair, Recovery Co-ordination Group
Nick Agnew, Safety and Contingency Planning Manager, Transport for London (TfL)
Andy Barr, Network Operational Planning and Integration Manager, TfL

Greater London Authority officers:

Hamish Cameron, London Resilience Manager, GLA
Matthew Hogan, London Resilience Officer, GLA
Rob Walley, Olympics Resilience Manager, GLA
Dale Langford, Committee Officer, GLA

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies had been received from: Colonel Alastair Mathewson, The Army, Howard Davidson, Environment Agency, Adrian Leppard, City of London Police, Ron Dobson, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, Peter Guy, Network Rail, Simon Tanner, NHS London, Sarah Burchard, Thames Water, Mick O'Malley, Emergency Planning Manager, Veolia Water
- 1.3 The Army, The Environment Agency, City of London Police, London Fire and

Emergency Planning Authority, NHS London and Transport for London had sent representatives.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 **The Forum confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 28 June 2011 as a correct record to be signed by the Chair.**

Olympics Assurance Process

- 2.2 The Olympics Resilience Manager gave a brief presentation to update the Forum on London 2012 Olympics resilience, setting out the progress of the London Olympic Resilience Project including the production of the London Olympic Resilience Gap Analysis (LORGA) Collation Tool.
- 2.3 Members of the Forum sought reassurance that all the elements of resilience planning for the Olympics fitted together and asked for a multi-agency partnership meeting in the short term to provide the necessary reassurance well ahead of the April 2012 sign-off that London was as prepared as it could be for the Olympics in resilience terms. It was emphasised that this should not duplicate existing work overseeing planning for the Games.
- 2.4 The London Resilience Manager reported that the Olympics would be treated in the same way as a 'rising tide' incident, with a partnership meeting to review preparations.
- 2.5 **The Forum noted the report, agreed the overall approach and timescales for multi-agency assurance, subject to a multi-agency partnership meeting of senior Olympic representatives in late November or early December 2011 to provide reassurance that London was as prepared as it could be for the Olympics in resilience terms.**

Action:

- 2.6 London Resilience Team to organise a multi-agency partnership meeting in late November or early December 2011 to consider preparedness for the 2012 Games.

Issues Affecting Airwave

- 2.7 British Transport Police reported that there had been good progress in enhancing network coverage on the Underground and in preparation for the 2012 Games.
- 2.8 A discussion was had around Airwave coverage.
- 2.9 DCLG agreed to discuss the comments about planning conditions for Airwave with the Department's Planning Directorate. London Councils also agreed to appraise planning teams of issues regarding Airwave so that the issue may be considered at a pan-London level.

2.10 The Forum noted the report.

Action:

- 2.11 DCLG to discuss Airwave with the Department's Planning Directorate.
- 2.12 London Councils to discuss Airwave issues with planning teams.

Mass Fatalities Planning Update

- 2.13 The Local Authorities Panel presented a report on Mass Fatalities Planning.
- 2.14 **The Forum noted the report.**

Metal Theft

- 2.15 The Chair reported that a meeting had been called at City Hall on 29 November 2011 to take forward the co-ordination of work to tackle the issue of metal theft from a resilience perspective. British Transport Police, in its capacity as the Association of Chief Police Officers lead on metal theft, offered its assistance.

3. London Resilience Partnership Delivery Plan

- 3.1 The London Resilience Manager introduced the report and explained that the Delivery Plan would enable the Programme Board to measure progress against the objectives.
- 3.2 It was agreed that target dates for following up the recommendations from the Coroner's Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005 should be added in to the Delivery Plan.
- 3.3 It was also agreed that the impact of industrial action needed to be included in the plan. DCLG agreed to share work being carried out by other Local Resilience Forums looking at the potential impact of industrial action.
- 3.4 British Transport Police welcomed the inclusion of severe weather in the plan, and highlighted the need for operators of both stations and trains to have robust plans in place in the event of passengers being stranded at stations and on trains.
- 3.5 **The Forum approved the London Resilience Partnership Delivery Plan, subject to inclusion of target dates for following up the recommendations from the Coroner's Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005 and the potential impact of industrial action; and approved the publication of the Vision and 2011-13 Objectives on the London Prepared website.**

Action:

- 3.6 DCLG to share work by other Local Resilience Forums on the potential impact of industrial action. London Resilience Team to update the Delivery Plan and publish on the London Prepared website.

4. London Community Risk Register

- 4.1 The London Resilience Manager introduced the report and thanked colleagues at the London Fire Brigade Emergency Planning team for their assistance during the handover of this work. To make the report easier to follow, it is intended to make a number of improvements to the readability of the document.
- 4.2 It was proposed that the Risk Register could be published after improvements were made, but the London Resilience Manager indicated that editing the Risk Register may take some time. He agreed to check whether a summarised version of the Risk Register would meet requirements in the meantime.

- 4.3 **The Forum approved the London Community Risk Register for publication on the London Prepared website, subject to the London Resilience Team checking whether a summarised version would be permissible.**

Action:

- 4.4 London Resilience Team to publish an appropriate version of the London Community Risk Register on the London Prepared website.

5. Incidents and Exercises

Response to Coroner's Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005

- 5.1 The London Resilience Manager reported on progress with taking forward the Forum's response to the Coroner's Inquest recommendations.
- 5.2 Recommendation 3 (inter-agency major incident training): work is being taken forward to incorporate key messages from each organisation into front-line training.
- 5.3 Recommendation 4 (TfL notification of major incidents and 'Code Red'/'Code Amber' alerts): TfL reported that the recommendation has already been implemented, with a protocol for contacting the Metropolitan Police Service, British Transport Police, London Fire Brigade and London Ambulance Service as appropriate in the event of Code Red and Code Amber alerts on the Underground network.
- 5.4 Recommendation 5 (rendezvous point): LFEPa reported that revised text on rendezvous points had been incorporated into the latest version of the London Emergency Services Liaison Panel (LESLP) manual, expected to be released in early 2012.
- 5.5 Recommendation 6 (traction current): TfL confirmed that it has agreed procedures with the London Ambulance Service and London Fire Brigade to ensure that there is a pan-organisational understanding around confirmation of whether the traction current is off.
- 5.6 Recommendation 9 (London Air Ambulance and MERIT): NHS London reported that the Department of Health has commissioned an independent review of MERIT to be completed before Christmas 2011, the result of which will be reported to the Forum in January.

Public Disorder in London – Multi-Agency Debrief

- 5.7 The London Resilience Manager introduced the report, making clear that it should have been marked as 'draft'.
- 5.8 The report was discussed.
- 5.9 The Metropolitan Police Service reported that it was carrying out its own review into the public disorder.
- 5.10 The Chair congratulated the London Resilience Team on publishing the first review of the events that he had seen.

5.11 The Forum noted the recommendations of the Multi-Agency Debrief Report.

Action:

5.12 London Resilience Team to review the wording of the Debrief Report before it is finalised and circulated.

Public Disorder in London – Recovery Co-ordination Group

5.13 The Chair of the Recovery Co-ordination Group gave the Forum an oral report on the work of the Group. Local authorities had acted very efficiently to clean up the immediate aftermath of the disturbances, in some instances staying on stand-by through the night.

5.14 The Chair of the Group identified two outstanding areas of concern: managing the flow of information in connection with those returning to the community following the serving of prison sentences; and further clarity about the Riot Damages Act.

Exercise Schedule

5.15 The London Resilience Manager briefly outlined the exercise schedule up to April 2012 and explained that all the exercises related to the Olympics.

5.16 The Olympics Resilience Manager reported that the Olympic test events and the exercise programme were kept separate. However, some valuable lessons had already been drawn from the test events, particularly with the running of the test cycle event.

5.17 It was agreed to invite the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) to attend the April 2012 meeting of the Forum.

5.18 The Forum noted the planned dates of exercises.

Action:

5.19 London Resilience Team to invite LOCOG to the April 2012 meeting of the Forum.

6. Horizon Scan

Threats

6.1 The Metropolitan Police Service gave an oral report on current threats, noting that the terrorism threat levels from international sources is Substantial and for Irish-based sources is Severe.

Hazards

6.2 DCLG gave a short briefing on current perceived hazards, including severe weather, industrial action and volcanic ash.

7. Resilience Plans

London Resilience Heatwave Plan

7.1 NHS London introduced the Heatwave Plan, explaining that the Plan set out a London-wide response. The Plan would be updated as and when changes to NHS structures are implemented.

- 7.2 **The Forum endorsed the Heatwave Plan, agreeing to its circulation across the Partnership and publication on the London Prepared website.**

London Resilience Human Infectious Diseases Response Framework

- 7.3 The Health Protection Agency commented that the Framework included a high level of detail for a strategic document.

- 7.4 **The Forum endorsed the Human Infectious Diseases Response Framework, agreeing to its circulation across the Partnership and publication on the London Prepared website.**

8. Updates from the London Resilience Programme Board, Sub Regional Tier and Sector Resilience Panels

London Resilience Programme Board

- 8.1 The London Resilience Manager reported that the Programme Board had met to discuss the Delivery Plan and terms of reference for the Programme Board and Forum. The Programme Board had looked at the Olympics and any necessary changes to plans resulting from Exercise Watermark and the recent disorder. It was agreed that British Transport Police would chair the Telecommunications Sub-Group.

Sub Regional Tier

- 8.2 London Fire Brigade (Emergency Planning) reported that the Sub Regional Tier had met in July to validate plans, including the Water Disruption Framework, Pipeline Safety Plan and plans for the Olympics and underground incidents.

Sector Resilience Panels

- 8.3 The chairing arrangements for the Transport Sector Panel were in the process of changing. Thanks for Richard Stephenson's role as Chair were recorded.
- 8.4 The Faith Sector Panel will meet at the end of November. The Local Authorities' Sector Panel next meets in the week ending 21 October.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 There was no other business.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1 Tuesday 17 January 2012 at 3.00pm.