

Minutes (Public Version)

Meeting London Local Resilience Forum
Date Tuesday 17 January 2012
Time 3.00 pm
Place Committee Rooms 4 and 5, City Hall

Chair: Richard Barnes AM, Deputy Mayor of London

Attending (in alphabetical order of organisation):

Don Randall, Head of Security, Bank of England
Matt Allingham, Chief Inspector, British Transport Police (BTP)
Chris Duffield, Town Clerk and Chief Executive, City of London Corporation (Deputy Chair)
Frank Armstrong, Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Robert Mason, Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)
Dave Wardle, London Environment Manager, Environment Agency
Marc Beveridge, Strategic Emergency Preparedness Manager, Health Protection Agency
John Jones, CBRNE Head of Implementation and Delivery, Home Office
James Smith, Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism, Home Office
Richard Webber, Director of Operations, London Ambulance Service (LAS)
Ashley Barrett, Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer, LAS
John O'Brien, Chief Executive, London Councils
Col Alastair Mathewson, Chief of Staff, London District (Military)
Ron Dobson, Commissioner, London Fire Brigade (LFB)
Bernie Higgins, Head of Special Operations Group, LFB
Andrew Pritchard, Head of Emergency Planning, LFB
Graham Brown, Inspector, Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)
Peter Guy, Operational Security & Continuity Planning Manager, Network Rail
Andy Wapling, Head of Emergency Preparedness, NHS London
Sarah Burchard, Emergency Risk Specialist, Thames Water
Seamus Kelly, St John Ambulance (Voluntary Sector Panel)
Mike Weston, Operations Director, Transport for London (TfL)
Nigel Furlong, Head of Resilience Planning, TfL

Greater London Authority officers:

Simon Grinter, Head of Resilience and Facilities Management
Hamish Cameron, London Resilience Manager
Matthew Hogan, London Resilience Officer
Rob Walley, London Resilience Manager
Dale Langford, Committee Officer

1. Introductions and Apologies for Absence

1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone involved in planning for the successful New Year celebrations in London.

1.2 Apologies had been received from:

Andrew Trotter, BTP;
Adrian Leppard, City of London Police;
James Cruddas, DCLG;
Howard Davidson, Environment Agency;
Ven Dr Paul Wright, Faith Sector Panel;
Gerard McAtamney, London First;
Sarah Davies, Met Office;
Simon Tanner, NHS London;
Julian Parkes, Port of London Authority; and
Doug Turner, Utilities Sector Panel

1.3 BTP, City of London Police, DCLG, the Environment Agency and NHS 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 10 October 2011 as a correct record to be signed by the Chair.**

Olympics Assurance Process

2.2 The Deputy Chair reported on an Olympics Assurance meeting of the London Resilience Partnership that he had chaired on 29 November 2011. He thanked the organisations that had taken part for a productive meeting, which tasked individuals with specific actions. The next Olympics Assurance meeting was scheduled for 24 February 2012.

2.3 **The Forum noted the report, the approach being used and progress made to date.**

3. Coroner's Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005 – Progress Update

3.1 The London Resilience Manager introduced the report and gave an update on progress towards implementing the recommendations.

- Recommendation 3 (provision of inter-agency major incident training): The multi-agency frontline training outline was close to being finalised.
- Recommendation 4 (protocols for major incident alerts): Arrangements were now in place for the TfL Network Operations Centre to notify BTP, MPS, LFB and LAS in the event of a Network declaration of Code Amber or Code Red.
- Recommendation 5 (common rendezvous points): The revised edition of the

London Emergency Service Liaison Panel (LESLP) manual was due to be published in February.

- Recommendation 6 (traction current): TfL reported that it had carried out a review.
- Recommendation 9 (London Air Ambulance and MERIT): The NHS review on this issue was ongoing.

3.2 DCLG reported that the Government would be issuing guidance by the end of January 2012 to fire services on handling incidents in tunnels and under ground.

3.3 TfL reported that the Transport Commissioner had written a response to the recommendations and that all the recommendations of the Coroner had been accepted.

3.4 **The Forum noted the progress made to date on implementing the Recommendations.**

4. Command, Control and Information Sharing Protocol

4.1 The London Resilience Manager introduced the report and explained that the draft Protocol had been seen by the London Resilience Programme Board and the Command and Control Working Group. A number of minor amendments would be incorporated into the Protocol. He confirmed that an Olympics supplement to the Protocol was in preparation.

4.2 There was a discussion around communications with the public, media and business sector during an incident. The Chair asked that communications with the public be included as an agenda item in the next meeting of the forum.

4.3 **The Forum approved draft Version 5 of the London Command, Control and Information Sharing Protocol.**

Action:

4.4 London Resilience Team to consider the Business Sector Panel model as part of an item on communications for the next Forum agenda.

5. Horizon Scan

Threats

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

5.2 The Forum also noted the recent disturbances following disputed elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Hazards

5.3 DCLG gave a short briefing on current perceived hazards affecting London, indicating that there was no change to the list of current risks up to June 2012, which included industrial action, volcanic ash public disorder, severe winter weather

and influenza.

- 5.4 The London Resilience Manager reported that the London Risk Advisory Group had identified the risk of drought affecting London. DCLG indicated that national government risk assessments had also highlighted wildfires as a potential risk resulting from low rainfall levels.

6. Ongoing Terrorist Firearms Attack

- 6.1 The Home Office gave a presentation on responding to a marauding terrorist firearms attack and the role of the emergency services.
- 6.2 The Forum noted that borough emergency planning officers would be briefed on the subject at their meeting on 9 March.

7. London Local Resilience Forum Work Programme Progress Update

- 7.1 The London Resilience Manager introduced the London Resilience Partnership Delivery Plan 2011-1.
- 7.2 The Forum's next meeting would receive a report on the Communications (Warning and Informing) capability. The London Resilience Manager reported that the London Prepared webpages had gone live as part of the london.gov.uk website.
- 7.3 The London Resilience Manager reported that the LRT was liaising with the Communications Sector Panel about information for the public around the Olympic Games.
- 7.4 **The Forum noted the London Resilience Partnership Delivery Plan 2011-13.**

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 stated that the London Resilience Programme Board would next meet on 14 February 2012.

Sub Regional Tier

- 8.2 London Fire Brigade (Emergency Planning) reported that the Sub Regional Tier was continuing to meet in specialist workshops to review specific resilience plans.
- 8.3 London Fire Brigade (Emergency Planning) explained that some thought was going into how resilience issues were approached at borough level, and that for the Spring SRRF workshops representation would be invited from all agencies at borough level.

Sector Resilience Panels

- 8.4 The Business Sector Panel had met on 8 December 2011 with secretariat provided by London First. The first meeting had looked at how to make communication fast, accurate and authoritative. The Panel wished to widen its membership to include organisations such as TfL.
- 8.5 The Local Authority Sector Panel reported that the Panel had been focusing on Olympics issues and that discussion with boroughs about the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on the Thames had begun.
- 8.6 The Transport Sector Panel reported that the Panel intended to start holding meetings shortly.
- 8.7 The Voluntary Sector Panel would next meet on 24 January to agree revised terms of reference, a capabilities document covering funding issues and how individual agencies respond to category 1 and category 2 responders.
- 8.8 The London Resilience Manager reported that the Utilities Sector Panel was now chaired by Steve Barr of National Grid. The London Resilience Manager agreed to provide an update on the planned utilities open day at Wellington Barracks.

Action: London Resilience Manager agreed to provide an update on the planned utilities open day at Wellington Barracks.

9. Exercise and Incident Feedback

Public Disorder in London, August 2011

- 9.1 The MPS reported that a review was currently with the Assistant Commissioner, who would report to the Forum at its next meeting.

Industrial Action, November 2011

- 9.2 LAS gave an update following the industrial action on 30 November.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 The Chair confirmed that although the next meeting would fall within the formal pre-election period, he intended to chair the meeting. It was also confirmed that in the event of a change of administration, there would be no gap in continuity of LLRF arrangements.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- 11.1 Monday 16 April 2012 at 10.00am.