

LONDON RESILIENCE



preparing for emergencies

LONDON REGIONAL RESILIENCE FORUM

THIRTY SECOND MEETING

21 OCTOBER 2009

MINUTES

Those attending included the Minister for London and senior representatives from the following organisations:

British Airports Authority
British Transport Police
Business Sector Panel
Chair of Local Authorities Panel
City of London Police
Civil Contingencies Secretariat
Communities and Local Government
Comms Sector Panel
Coroners Office
Environment Agency
Faith Sector Panel
Greater London Authority
Health Protection Agency
Home Office
London Ambulance Service
London Councils
London District, Army
London Fire Brigade
London Resilience Team
London Underground
LRF Representative
Metropolitan Police Service
Network Rail
NHS London
OSCT
Port of London Authority
St. John Ambulance
Transec- DFT
Transport for London
Utilities Sector Panel

1. CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the thirty-second meeting of the London Regional Resilience Forum (LRRF).
- 1.2 Apologies were received and noted.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF THE LAST MEETING

- 2.1 The Minutes of the 31st London Regional Resilience Forum, held on 20 May 2009 were agreed and accepted as an accurate record.
- 2.2 All actions from the previous minutes had been completed or were underway.

3. THREAT & HORIZON SCAN

- 3.1 The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) gave a detailed update on the current position and threat levels.
- 3.2 The Chair thanked the MPS.
- 3.3 The Civil Contingencies Secretariat (CCS) gave a detailed update on the current situation, including responding to the Swine Flu outbreak.
- 3.4 The Chair thanked the CCS.

4. REGIONAL DELIVERY PLAN 09/10 SIX MONTH REVIEW

- 4.1 The Chair invited the London Resilience Team (LRT) representative to present Paper LRRF (09) 16 on the regional delivery plan.
- 4.2 LRT said that the work plan had been adjusted in respect to Swine Flu. LRT added that an Olympic element had been incorporated into all work streams and the Olympic work would now be taken forward as part of business as usual.
- 4.3 LRT highlighted that the CCA Review had been delayed due to Swine Flu and the National Resilience Extranet would now be launched in January 2010.
- 4.4 LRT expressed thanks to the Partnership for their support by continuing to provide secondees to the London Resilience Team, as without this the Regional Delivery Plan would not be delivered.
- 4.5 The Chair thanked LRT and reiterated thanks to the Partnership for providing secondees to the London Resilience Team.

4.6 The Forum agreed paper LRRF (09) 16 recommendations.

5. PANDEMIC FLU

5.1 The Chair invited NHS London and the HPA to present LRRF Paper (09) 17 to the Forum.

5.2 NHS London gave an update on the current Swine Flu situation and explained how the response had progressed to date moving from containment to treatment. The number of confirmed cases had declined steeply during the summer while schools were closed for the holidays; however, numbers had started to increase since early September.

5.3 NHS London said that Health and Social care staff would begin to be vaccinated as of the 21st October. This vaccination process was for infection control and not for business continuity purposes. NHS London asked partners to ensure that business continuity arrangements were robust.

5.3 HPA said that modelling was ongoing based on data from the Southern hemisphere which indicated the effect of the second wave would likely to be mild.

5.4 HPA said there would be additional deaths caused by Swine Flu and re-enforced the need to ensure that organisations were able to cope with additional pressures.

5.5 The Chair thanked NHS London and HPA and opened discussion to the Forum.

5.6 The Government Office for London (GOL) representative asked NHS London what media messages would be given to the public.

5.7 NHS London replied stating that a national media campaign was waiting to be activated in relation to mass vaccination of the public. NHS London added that media messages in relation to health and social care staff had already been issued.

5.8 The Forum agreed paper LRRF (09) 17 recommendations.

6. OLYMPICS

6.1 The Chair invited LRT to present paper LRRF (09) 18 on delivering Olympic Resilience to the Forum.

- 6.2 LRT said that all existing work streams would include an Olympic aspect in all London plans. LRT proposed that the London Regional Programme Board (LRPB) should become the Project Board for the Olympics.
- 6.3 The Chair queried whether the current London plans for the Olympics would link in with all agencies outside of London
- 6.4 LRT said links with partner agencies were well established. CCS added that it was considering a one team, one plan approach to ensure consistency across host locations.
- 6.5 The Chair thanked LRT and CCS.
- 6.6 The Forum agreed paper LRRF (09) 18 recommendations and governance structure.

7. SEVERE WEATHER REPORT FOLLOW UP

- 7.1 The Chair invited LRT to present paper LRRF (09) 19 on the Severe Weather Report Follow up to the Forum.
- 7.2 LRT gave the Forum an introductory update on progress since the last Forum. LRT said that significant steps had been made to improve the liaison between local authorities and Transport for London. In addition for and during a severe weather event, a military assistance document had been produced to clarify how this resource could be called upon in the future.
- 7.3 LRT added that if such an event were to occur again a Partnership Meeting would be called to ensure all partners were involved in a London response, but said roles would be documented in the Command and Control Protocol.
- 7.4 The Chair thanked the LRT representative.

8. AIR QUALITY INCIDENTS

- 8.1 The Chair invited the Environment Agency (EA) representative to present paper LRRF (09) 20 on Air Quality Incidents to the Forum.
- 8.2 The EA representative gave the Forum a presentation on a new air quality monitoring and modelling capability for incidents that may cause serious air pollution. These monitoring arrangements would inform decision makers to take appropriate action during an air quality incident and protect public health. It was expected that these arrangements would be in place by the end of 2009.

8.3 The Chair thanked the EA representative.

9. UK COUNTER TERRORIST STRATEGY (PREPARE)

9.1 The Chair invited the OSCT representative to give an update on the UK Counter Terrorist Strategy (Prepare strand) to the Forum.

9.2 The OSCT representative updated the Forum on work which was being undertaken outside the consequence management work stream.

9.2 The Chair thanked the OSCT representative.

10. LRF UPDATE

10.1 The Chair invited the LRF representative to present Paper LRRF (09) 21 to the Forum.

10.2 The LRF Representative said there were two items to note to the Forum, one being a recent successful IPC audit in preparation for the second wave of Swine Flu. The second was supervision of the flood preparedness review working in conjunction with LRT.

10.3 The Chair thanked the LRF Representative.

11. REPORTS FROM LRRF PANEL CHAIRS

11.1 The Forum heard from Chairs or representatives of the nine Sector Panels covered in Paper LRRF (09) 22. There were two items to note:

11.2 The Blue Lights Panel would be following up on a siren noise recommendation from the Mayor's Office.

11.3 The Chair expressed thanks to the Chair of the Business Sector Panel, as this was his last LRRF meeting.

12. LONDON PROTECT BOARD

12.1 The Chair invited the Government Office for London (GOL) to present paper LRRF (09) 23 on Protect in London to the Forum.

12.2 The GOL representative recommended to the Forum that it would act as an advisory board taking a strategic overview to ensure that the delivery of London's Protect agenda was joined up.

12.3 The Forum agreed paper LRRF (09) 23 recommendations to act as a Protect advisory board.

12.4 The Chair thanked the GOL representative.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 The Chair noted the LRT secretariat was stepping down and thanked them for their contribution to the Forum.