

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 20 July 2017 at 6.30 p.m., Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall,
Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA - Presentations

This meeting is open to the public to attend.

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| 7. | REVIEW OF THE TOWER HAMLETS EMERGENCY
PLANNING AND CIVIL CONTINGENCY
ARRANGEMENTS - PRESENTATION | All Wards | 110 - 121 |
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The Committee will receive a presentation on the review of the Tower Hamlets Emergency Planning and Civil Contingency Arrangements

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| 8 .1 | COUNCILLOR SIRAJUL ISLAM (STATUTORY DEPUTY
MAYOR AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING) -
PRESENTATION | All Wards | 122 - 127 |
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The Committee will receive a presentation from Councillor Sirajul Islam

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LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES' EMERGENCY RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS



Who we are

- 32 Local Authorities + City of London Corporation
- All independent Unitary Authorities
- Category 1 Responders defined by the CCA (2004)
 - 6 Statutory duties + duty to promote BC

LA Role in Emergencies

- providing support for the emergency services;
- providing support and care for the local and wider community;
- using resources to mitigate the effects of an emergency; and
- leading the recovery stage.

What we do in emergencies

■ Professional resources

- technical and engineering advice;
- building control;
- highways services; and
- public health and environmental issues.

■ Physical resources

- provision of reception centres;
- Accommodation and housing needs; and
- transport.

What we do in emergencies (2)

- **Caring** (Welfare support to those affected and the wider community)
 - social services;
 - psychosocial support;
 - helplines; and
 - welfare and financial needs.

Borough LA response

- Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO)
 - required to attend Tactical Coordination meetings, or the FCP if established, to represent the local authority;
 - the link between the incident and the Borough Emergency Control Centre; and
 - in possession of effective communications with senior levels of the local authority.

Borough LA response

- Borough Emergency Control Centre (BECC)
 - Remote from the scene
 - Liaise with the LALO
 - Coordinate the Council's response
- Provide single point of contact for the council
- Identify local resource capacity/capability.
- Determine local tactical options/plans
- Interpret and implement regional tactical plans

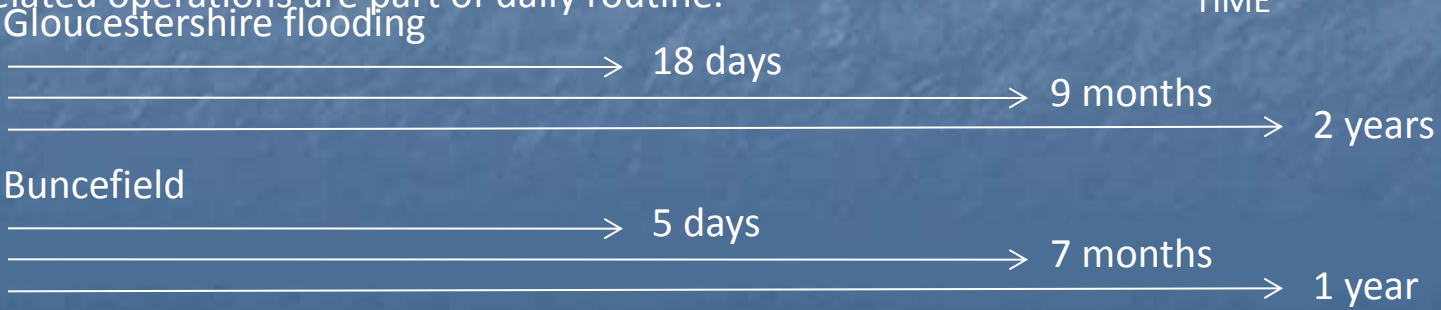
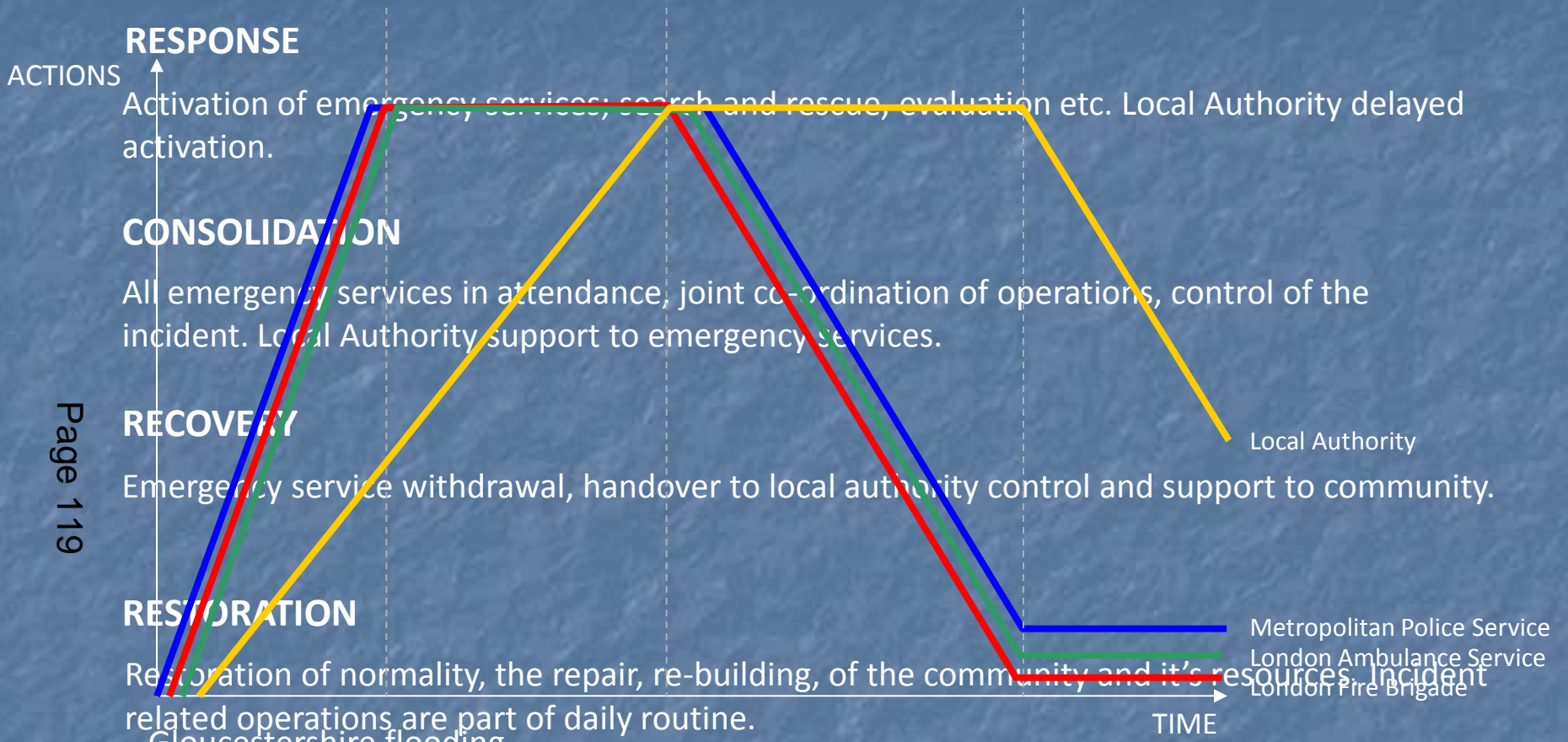
Regional LA response

- London Local Authority Gold (LLAG)
 - Formulate Regional Local Authority Strategy
 - Advise the emergency services and other agencies of LA issues and capabilities
 - Initiate the Recovery Cell
 - Make strategic resource allocations of London's LA assets

Regional LA response

- London Local Authority Coordination Centre (LLACC)
 - Provide a link between LLAG and all London Boroughs
 - Activate London's Local Authorities
 - Provide LLAG with a clear assessment of the status and needs of London's Local Authorities
 - Collate information from Boroughs
 - Identification of Local Authority resources
 - Coordinate Mutual Aid requests

Incident Phases



Questions?

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2005-2006

*Promoting Racial Equality
Getting Closer to Communities*

2004-2005

Supporting Social Care Workers

2003-2004

Community Cohesion



Overview & Scrutiny Spotlight

Cllr Sirajul Islam

Deputy Mayor

Mark Baigent

Interim Divisional Director
Housing and Regeneration

Improving today, shaping tomorrow

Housing Fire Safety Issues

- Fire Risk Assessments
- Building Regulations
- Environmental Health
- Cladding materials
- Post-Grenfell DCLG-led testing programme
- Council Housing
- Other social housing
- Private housing
- THH actions underway and to follow

Temporary Accommodation

- Over 2000 households in temporary accommodation
- Accommodation must be suitable: affordable; not statutorily overcrowded; accessible to meet medical/social/welfare/education needs; accessible to transport, amenities, employment
- Out of borough placements: we assess the impact on all of these factors for each individual household taking into account circumstances
- 50% of all placements now out of borough, of which 59% are in East London Boroughs
- 72% of all new self-contained properties procured in 2016/17 were out of borough, compared to 90% in the previous two years

Housing Register Applications

All applicants placed in high priority bands are required to provide proof of 3 years continuous residence unless they are eligible for band 2b due to being in housing need.

For Council tenant transfers proof of 3 years continuous residency is from the tenancy date or previous application if tenancy less than 3 years; we verify identity/immigration status/residency for tenants at home visit.

For non-tenants we require:

six items out of the last twelve months, a variety of documents, one must be a FULL bank statement, that any wages or benefits are paid into.

eight items of proof of residence from the two years before this.

If they have moved from another address within Tower Hamlets within the last three years, proof from this earlier address will be accepted.

For Band 3 applicants only proof of identity and immigration status is checked and a more thorough check undertaken if they move into a higher band or are coming up for offer

Homelessness due to Domestic Violence

- All reports of homelessness due to domestic violence are treated very seriously and details are taken of the areas from which the victims are fleeing as well as the areas where they would not feel safe and the reasons for this.
- Where a DV victim wishes to remain in Tower Hamlets despite the incident(s) having taken place in the Borough, the risks associated with this are discussed in detail. For example, a parent may wish a child to continue to attend school without full consideration of the risks to both the child and the parent.
- The option to remain in a tenancy is available through the Sanctuary Scheme, commissioned by Community Safety, which secures a property in which the perpetrator no longer resides. This is a voluntary scheme and there is no pressure to remain at home if the victim does not feel safe in doing so.

Housing Delivery Vehicles

- Seahorse Homes Ltd now registered with Companies House, 100% owned by LBTH
- Preparing loan agreement following State Aid advice on appropriate market terms of loan
- Mulberry Housing Society in registration process with Financial Conduct Authority
- Independent Board members appointed
- Preparing lease and loan agreements