

Major Incident – North Kensington

London SCG Minutes: 13:30, 18 June 2017

MEETING	London Strategic Coordinating Group (SCG)
DATE	18 June 2017
TIME	13:30
PLACE	Teleconference

1 Any urgent business

1.1 None

No	Organisation	Action
1	LAs, BC and TFL	Provide written Risk Assessment prior to opening Hammersmith and City line
2	LAs	Site recovery cell this afternoon
3		All agencies of int and contact details of sr gro
4	ALL	All agencies brief all staff on the ground regarding role and function of the rest centre
5	MILITARY	Request to military for site recommendations and logistic support
6	MPS	To provide an update on the planned community meeting
7	ALL	Details of any press intrusion to report to the LLAGG
8	ALL	To reinforce with all staff the importance of not talking to the press
9	HSAG	To consider the fatality and humanitarian aspect going forward
10		Discuss handing back the SCG from the MPS to the LLACC
11		SCG strategy to remain in place as agreed by SCG.

2 Introductions

2.1 Introductions were made, see attendees list for more details.

3 Situation Brief

3.1 Overview from London Resilience

- 58 people are missing presumed dead, 19 are still in hospital, 10 in a critical condition.
- Cordons remain as they were
- MPD, DVI and USAR teams are in place on scene.
- A protest is in place for between 1400 and 2000 tomorrow in Parliament Square.
- The Rest Centre remains in place and will be transitioning to Grenfell Tower.
- An information project is underway to collate those identified.
- Wrap around care is being provided.

3.2 Review of Actions

- All actions on the action tracker have been completed unless stated otherwise.
- Ongoing- liaison between multi-faith community meeting (LA/MPS/others)
- Transport for London (TFL) are waiting for clarification to open up the lines. LFB state that there needs to be a comprehensive written risk assessment by civil and structural engineers before LFB and rail regulator will recommend the safety conditions have been met. TFL require a timescale for how long this will take.

LFB and TFL content tube line is safe in hand get railway back by 1400 today. Not the case. intel not progressing today. Several days of physical works on site. Plan going forward on design and shoring works. When safe to resumes train services. BC on site LD harrow independent assessment. Based on comprehensive written risk assessment by qualified people and civil engineers on site. USAR recovering bodies. Shoring may start later or tomorrow. Not priority. Shuttle service in place for some of route. Rest suspended. Action to get timescale for reopening.

4. Key Issues and Strategic Decisions

- Agreed the SCG strategy is relevant and in place still.
- Site clearance issues – DCLG action for DCLG to identify a site.

ACTION: Pat Allen to sort call with DCLG to progress. Environment agency to be included in this call. Site remediation to be set up this afternoon.

- Longer term housing – Rest centre – stay where currently is. MPS like assistance with security.
- Some works remove cordon. More soft etc. more welcoming. Triage within building. Central gov colleagues going on site.
- Internal running has moved to Enfield with partner assistance (Red Cross). Make better service, families SLOs and others. Needs changed. Conversation with community to see how they want this to develop as community owned and run. Believe is their centre.
- 24 hour continue to remain open. Some residents want to stay there. Offering temporary accommodation. Need to change triaging.
- Liaise with the community taking into account the Whats app support group. Need to share data. Lack of trust in public bodies. Putting public facing council officers alongside partners working help public to understand what's on offer (Westminster Council Officers will be on site during the daytime to discuss and to signpost services on offer) "They will be the face of London Councils on the ground".
- MPS will be briefed accordingly for soft approach. Cordons make sure all aware.
- The site recovery group will require Military support in terms of advice and Logistic managers. Start preparing plan of site recovery group engineering advice within cell, can they help with manager/leads volume of movement from a to z and office space. Get someone for first meeting SR group this afternoon. Stand up. Wont be needed for that. Logistics of offer whenever ready. POC logistics and site recovery go through LLACC and John to pick up. Recovery ongoing. Remediate as soon as finished. Drawn out process. Coroner - actively developing strategy of body definition. Slow and complex process.

ACTION: Londist to liaise with LLAC and they also need guidance on time lines and point of contact.

3.1 Community Tensions and Engagement

- Community tension – decreased, although not normality as yet. Play out on Social media. Mayor attended church today without a negative reaction.
- Low risk of spontaneous reaction but this will be continued to be monitored.
- LA to identify any changes. MPS rest centres and cordons. More resources if needed. Residents meeting tomorrow at 17:00 (This could be a hot spot). Update from borough requested. Could increase tension in locality and affect wider community. As receives more information will advise.

ACTION: Those people on the ground to advise if risk situation changes. More resources can be allocated where needed.

3.2 Investigation update

Investigation update – low key enquiries. Looking at strategy with SIMS. Witness interviewing to begin. Next phase next day or two. Invest team to be increased. Mutual aid. Uplift of resources within the next 24 hours.

3.3 Review of Strategic Aims and Objectives

- It was agreed that the strategic aims and objectives of the SCG remain the same.

4 **Public Communications**

- Public comms – media coverage not so lengthy today or as many journalists. Last comms yesterday Stuart Cundy updated the numbers of dead.
- MPS comms are looking to issue on footage this afternoon on recovery and the rise in number of missing/ presumed deceased. Real figures to be released tomorrow.
- Gov and Local gov meeting. LA Gold set up. Conference call at 12:00 today to discuss. Mass Fatalities group last night. Home Office said Casualty Bureau taking info in and not giving out. Coroner explained why information can not be passed onto the residents of Grenfell tower from the Casualty Bureau.
- Discussed how the members of public report in, declaring that they are alive, encouraging people to identify that they are alive/ safe via social media/ calling into the Casualty Bureau.
- Discussed staff being door stepped by media. Need script.
- Good Morning Britain contacted fires stations trying to get interviews. Coroner has major concerns about witnesses giving information to the media relevant to her inquiry.

ACTION: Asks all organisations to tell staff not to discuss with media as this can compromise the inquiry.

John Barradell to be informed when staff are being door stopped of such incident .

All agencies to work together to assist people of London.

5 **Report from SCG Sub-Groups**

5.1 MFCG – HM Coroner

- Coroner confirmed a total of 36 DVI recoveries in mortuary, 15 overnight. 5 scanned so far. 16 whole bodies. All else fragmented remains.
- Moving to difficult stage. Fast cell evidence for identity. 5 identified. More people in pipeline. Fast intel. Are in difficult situation now.
- All day work moved to another premises. Concentrating solely on this now.

- Formally record thanks to Westminster City Council for providing resources. Formulating forward looking forensic strategy that is appropriate. MSCG is at 16:00 today. Step down LFB.
- Move whole bodies to fragments. 6 Post Mortems tomorrow pm. Will be things that we can't identify.
- Meet bereaved for viewings. Plan Wednesday pm if at all possible. Released one human body so far. Waiting on families to say what want to do with the remains.

Action: HASG to think about what happens to those in terms of burying co-mingled and fragmented remains. Coroner suggested a Memorial Park. Discuss with community and bereaved.

6 Reporting Rhythm

- Scheduled for 11:00 Monday – this will be confirmed by email.

7 Composition of SCG

- Composition of SCG – all still relevant attendees and will go forward to the next meeting.
- Recovery – move back chairmanship of SCG to the BECC. Make decision in next two days. Remain for next SCG. Hand back to Gold Jane Connors tonight. Take back tomorrow morning for rest for the week.

9. Organisational learning

- Too early to report any as yet.

10. Stand down arrangements

- None at this stage.

11. AOB

- There will be a 1 minute silence tomorrow.

Attendees

Organisation	Name
MPS	John Havington (Chair) Matthew Bonner/ Ed Stern/
London Resilience Group	Vanessa Skinner/ Caroline Squire
LFB	Ian Frost, Graham Ellis
NHS England (London)	Richard Mcquewen/ Oliver Shanley/ Deborah Terbert (Public Health England)

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Her Majesties Coroner	Dr Fiona Willcox
Local Authorities	John Barradell,
LAS	Alan Palmer/ Kevin Bate
City of London Police	Adele Michael
British Transport Police	Alex Thompson
DCLG Government Liaison Officer	John Benson (DCLG RED)
GLA	David Bellamy
London Underground	Richard John
Red Cross	Emma Sprag
Military	Lt Col Brian Fahy