

Addendum to the Local Authority ‘Gold’ Resolution to be agreed on behalf of each London Borough Council and the Common Council of the City of London (“the Councils”)

1. The purpose of this addendum is to clarify and amend the Local Authority “Gold” Resolution that has been entered into by the Councils to a) reflect changed procedural arrangements for responding to incidents b) permit the Head of Paid Service (Local Authority Gold) as defined in paragraph 3 of the Local Authority Gold Resolution to incur minimum essential expenditure where it has not been possible to secure the prior agreement of the Councils affected and c) agree that, in other circumstances known as rising tide or disruptive events, Local Authority Gold should be able to coordinate the local authority effort, including providing advice and guidance, as necessary, to help shape the responses of individual authorities.

2. The Local Authority “Gold” Resolution will, in future, operate in accordance with the following arrangements:

Coordination of the Local Authority Effort

3. Where an incident, emergency or other event emerges or has emerged over a period of time (such as pandemic influenza or extreme weather), and where the convening of the Gold Coordination Group (Gold Command) may not have occurred, Local Authority Gold will be empowered, on behalf of the Council(s) to coordinate any local authority response as necessary, providing advice and guidance as required. In these circumstances, Local Authority Gold will not have any power to incur expenditure unless authorised under paragraph 4 b) below.

Delegation of Powers

4. Local Authority Gold shall, in discharging the functions under section 138(1) Local Government Act 1972 on behalf of the Councils, do so only in the following circumstances:

a) following the convening of the Gold Coordination Group normally led by the Police in response to the declaration of a major incident (Gold Command);

or

b) for other disruptive events such as extreme weather that do not require the immediate establishment of Gold Command, following the convening of a London Partnership Meeting (normally led by the London Resilience Team), provided that the agreement of London Councils under delegated powers is also secured for Local Authority Gold to discharge the functions under section 138(1) Local Government Act 1972 on behalf of the Councils.

Minimum Essential Expenditure

5. In the event that it has not yet been possible for Local Authority Gold to receive confirmation from or on behalf of the Council(s) in whose area(s) the incident has occurred (in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Local Authority Gold Resolution) that expenditure reasonably incurred will be met by the Council(s) and where it is absolutely essential for Local Authority Gold to incur expenditure, for example to safeguard life or property, to prevent suffering or severe inconvenience and to promote community cohesion and a return to normality, it is agreed that the Council(s) in whose area(s) the emergency has occurred will meet that expenditure on the basis that it will be kept to minimum levels and limited to a sum not exceeding £1m in total, while the process is taking place to secure the necessary confirmation.

Agreement of all the Councils

6. The amendments to the Local Authority 'Gold' Resolution contained in this Addendum shall not take effect until this Addendum has been agreed and accepted by all the Councils.