

Major Incident – North Kensington

London SCG Minutes: 11:30, 19 June 2017

MEETING	London Strategic Coordinating Group (SCG)
DATE	19 June 2017
TIME	11:30
PLACE	Teleconference

1 Any urgent business

1.1 Finsbury Park Incident

MPS confirm 1 fatality and 8 casualties and treating the incident as a terrorist attack.

There is a significant number of public and press interest, including MP's and partners with interest visiting the mosque. BRC had been deployed to support.

1.2 Level 3 Heatwave

PHE have issued a Level 3 Heatwave warning with temperatures expected between 29-31 degrees C. Local Authorities were encouraged to establish support for vulnerable residents, and for everyone to stay hydrated, particularly those on scene using heavy kit.

2 Introductions

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

3 Situation Brief

3.1 Overview from London Resilience

- 79 fatalities were now confirmed. 19 are still in hospital, 10 in a critical condition.
- Cordons remain as they were with the Hammersmith & City line still suspended.
- MPD, DVI and USAR teams remain on scene.
- A protest is arranged between 14:00 and 20:00 this evening in Parliament Square, with plans to move on to Grenfell Tower.
- The Rest Centre remains in place at Westway Sports Centre with plans to extend into a wider assistance centre.
- An information project is underway to collate those identified.
- Wrap around care is being provided for friends and families of those effected.

3.2 Review of Actions

- Partners were asked to continue updating when actions are completed.
- Ongoing - Transport for London (TFL) are waiting for clarification to re-open suspended 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.

4. Key Issues and Strategic Decisions

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

4.1 Community Tensions and Engagement

MPS provided an update:

Little change to report. There was a concern over lack of communications within the community and at cordons, a number of events this afternoon may impact this update.

A community march was taking place this afternoon at Ladbrook Grove Library.

A vigil was planned at Parliament Square at 19:00.

Policing plans were being assessed for the above events with a view for presence to not spark community tensions.

Local Authorities provided an update:

Provision of funds had commenced at the rest centre. £500 was available for those affected from either the post office or the Westway Rest Centre. This was attracting attention.

Need to establish more local channels to identify trusted voices within the community to help reduce tensions.

4.2 Humanitarian aspects

Coroner provided an update:

Location of FAC to be identified, a suitable place for FLOs and Coroner to provide a different and calmer place to provide support and information to families. So far Olympia had agreed to be used and this will be confirmed within 48hrs subject to SIM/Coroner sign off.

4.3 Building Safety

Local Authorities provided an update:

Site remediation group held it's first meeting yesterday. It was important for a representative from the SIM which would enable effective response.

Military were on standby to support although this was considered unlikely.

LFB provided an update:

The central core macro stability did not appear to be effected. Specialists are on site providing pouring concrete to 12-13th floors which are of particular concern, the curing and settlement process was to be factored in and shoring was being installed.

The Site Recovery Group were due to meet 19:30 to discuss ongoing work and a further update to be provided at the next SCG for London Undergrounds concerns.

A rep was to be established from SIM for SRG.

4.4 Investigation update

MPS: Updates would be circulated in due course.

4.5 Review strategic aim and objectives

No change.

5 Public Communications

MPS provided an update:

Updated figures this morning including 'presumed' dead. 79 is the figure in the public domain. Statements can be seen on the MPS website.

Local Authorities provided an update:

LRCG were leaning more towards the recovery alongside LAs. The next meeting was due at 14:00 where the key message was to give the sense of the size of investigation and recovery.

The council had considerably increased provision of public services, with council and BRC staff present at the rest centre. Installation of suitable lighting and clear ups taking place.

Basic message being received that LA listening and responding as required to the community.

Suggest MPS identify individuals to include in community engagement cell, particularly reaching out to members who are clearly against the LA.

HM Coroner provided an update:

40 remains had been received at the mortuary, 16 whole bodies with the remaining being fragments.

Hope by the end of the week body recovery will be finished on site, followed by human remains ash. This will be exceptionally challenging and some people may never be identified.

DVI team were running very well. 5 bodies had been identified so far with 8 due over the remainder of today. Limited post mortems will commence Wednesday 21 June to correlate with a week from the incident, to help provide support and information to the families effected direct with the coroner.

A pathology strategy was being developed regarding the extent of body recovery, may need to resort to identification of jewellery in some cases.

Autopsy would be performed at limited level as far as needed.

Home Office Civil Servants are being kept informed to keep political press off teams at work at the mortuary.

LFB advised clarification on language being used in relation to rubble in the building as an incorrect term. An internal filler element included wood frames and plasterboard, and that there was no internal collapses.

The Coroner asked for specific thanks to be noted to Pret near Westminster Mortuary which had been providing food to the teams working there.

6 Report from SCG Sub-Groups

HASG – Nothing to report, no meeting held today.

7 Reporting Rhythm

- MFCG – 16:00 today
- Site remediation – 19:30 today
- HASG – 11:00 tomorrow
- SCG – TBC tomorrow

8 Composition of SCG

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All still relevant attendees and will go forward to the next meeting.

Recovery

Local Authorities advised there are major complexities around the handover and was not in a position to take over at this time. A liaison group between Coroner/Body Recovery needed to be in place before hand. MPS to discuss offline criteria for transition with LA.

9. Organisational learning

- LFB to lead with support from LRG to support.

10. Stand down arrangements

- None at this stage.

11. AOB

- NHS to receive invite to FAC group.
- Next SCG – TBC.

Attendees

Organisation	Name
MPS	Neil Jerome (Chair) Chris Jones (SIM) Patrick Allen (SO22) Adrian Usher (London Gold)
London Resilience Group	John Hetherington, Zoe Torrance (minutes), Matt Hogan
LFB	Andy Roe (Gold), Jack Frost
NHS England (London)	Peter Boorman
PHE	Marc Beveridge, Deborah Turbitt
HSE	Jonathan Holby
Her Majesties Coroner	Dr Fiona Wilcox

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Local Authorities	John Barradell (Gold), Eleanor Kelly (Shadow)
LAS	Peter McKenna
City of London Police	Perry Stokes
British Transport Police	Alex Thompson
DCLG Government Liaison Officer	Steve Mulrooney, Mick Goodwin, Gill McManus, Jo Cagney
DMC	Ed Stearns
GLA	Emma Strain
TfL	Richard Jones
Red Cross	Norman McKinley