

## **London Risk Register and Planning Assumptions, February 2020**

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### **1.1 Purpose of Paper**

The LRF is asked to:

- **Approve the updated London Risk Register (January 2020) for publication;**
- **Approve Category 2 responders to remain as risk leads;**
- **Approve the plan to align with the NSRA (2019) over the next 12 months, bearing in mind the additional work required by the Partnership;**
- **Note the update regarding London Resilience Planning Assumptions.**

### **1.2 Updates to London Risk Register from assessments conducted over 2019**

The London Risk Register has been updated over the past 2 years. The format and risk assessment process remain mostly unchanged from previous years

The risks that have changed rating from the 2018 (published Feb 2019) London Risk Register are as follows;

HL42: Loss of cover due to industrial action by workers providing a service critical to the preservation of life) - ↓ from High to Medium

X1: Attack on crowded places - (R19 Marauding Terrorist Attack) ↑ - High to Very High

X4: Small Scale Unconventional Attacks - (R13 Anthrax letters) ↓ from High to Medium

HL3: Localised industrial accident involving small toxic release - ↓ High to Medium

HL21: Land movement - ↓ High to Medium

### **1.3 Cat 2 responders and specific risk leads**

After a successful trial year, LLAG would like to ask LRF to approve that Category 2 responders are able to remain as specific risk leads going forward.

### **1.4 Aligning with the NSRA over the next 12 months**

The new National Security Risk Assessment (August 2019) has significantly different methodology in comparison to the previous National Risk Assessment published in 2016. Changes are linked to a 2 year likelihood timeframe (rather than 5 year previously) and inclusion of non-conventional threats, previously held in a separate risk register, now included in the same risk register as natural and other conventional hazards. Civil Contingencies Secretariat (CCS) released an accompanying Local Risk Management Guidance in late December 2019.

LRPB (January 2020) requested that LLAG produce a plan to transition the London Risk Register to the 2019 NSRA methodology in a timeframe which will allow LLAG to maintain the annual

publication schedule of the public facing London Risk Register (in February each year). In order to avoid having some risks assessed using the new methodology whilst others remain in the old, it will be necessary for LTAG to expedite the re-assessment and consultation of all risks (currently 55, plus 8 new risks as shown below, in addition to 27 threats) over the next 12 months. Previously these 55 risk assessments were conducted over a two year cycle. The demand on partner organisations represented at LTAG will be doubled by this proposal, not including the work to assess the new risks and threats.

## New risks in the NSRA 2019

In addition to 27 new threats to be assessed (MPS led);

1. Undermining of democratic processes (R43) – Local Authorities
2. Major fire (R54) - LFB
3. Collapse of a major government contractor (R72) - Local Authorities /NHS
4. Major social care provider failure (R73) - Local Authorities
5. Technological failure at a retail bank (R79) - Local Authorities /Business Sector
6. Growth and spread of antimicrobial resistance (R96) - NHS/PHE
7. Widespread industrial action – firefighters (R99) - LFB
8. Disruption to space based services (R118) - Met Office/LAS

## **1.5 London Resilience Planning Assumptions update**

Capability assessments against draft London Planning Assumptions (October 2019) was conducted by capability groups as part of touchpoints in November/December 2019. There was some variance in application by groups and further guidance to and detail back will be necessary in order to report on any gaps or key issues. For example, where groups have assessed that the planning assumption is 'not met', to what extent and how might this be improved, needs to be ascertained.

Information from CCS on the rationale/calculations of planning assumptions, provided in late December 2019 (as part of the Local Risk Management Guidance), will support further guidance to London capability groups, and should also enable any amendments to the planning assumptions to be completed. An updated London Resilience Planning Assumptions (currently August 2018) is to be submitted to LRF for approval in October 2020, and completion of revised capability assessments against planning assumptions (and gap analysis) is proposed for September 2020.

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