

Resilience Update

Bromley Resilience Forum was held on 29th November 2017 and was attended by a number of multi-agency partners.

The importance of this forum going forward was noted and the importance for focusing on local preparedness for the future of Bromley. There were suggestions of holding table tops exercises around Humanitarian Assistance and Recovery in the coming year involving all multiagency partners. It was noted this should include colleagues who would be responding as frontline staff, who need to understand the process and response in these situations. The value of continuing the identification of local risks in the risk register and looking at key priority areas was highlighted and agreed these should be addressed within the exercises, with clear aims and objectives of what we want to achieve.

MSLs (Minimum Standards for London Borough of Bromley) have been completed for this year. There have been discussions on concerns of MSLs emphasising that they do not reflect or test the physical capabilities of a local authority. Going forward there is appetite for peer reviews of plans but this is to be explored and confirmed at a later date. BECC (Bromley Emergency Control Room) standardisation has recently been released. The local authority is expected to follow and standardise our control room in line with this plan. Steps are currently being taken to put this into place.

It has been recognised that the strategic coordinating group that is formed in a major incident in London, should no longer be chaired by the MPS due to the significant demand of alternative responsibilities they are tasked with in major incidents. Therefore going forward, selected Chief Executives are to chair the SCG (Strategic Co-ordinating Group). Seven Chief Executives are on call for next year on a rota based system, including Doug Patterson, Bromley's Chief Executive.

Some further updates

- Business Continuity updates are currently in progress and plans are being reviewed with an overall corporate business continuity plan being updated.
- Bromley have recruited support of Bromley Rotary as extra resource in an incident. A number of volunteers have been trained and additional volunteers are being trained. Currently in the process of agreeing Memorandum of Understanding. London Resilience is keen to look into this partnership for wider London and gain their involvement in the voluntary sectors panel, a panel which Bromley act as a representative on for the South East.
- Survivor Reception Centre Live Exercise to take place around May. Currently in the planning stages with many multiagency partners involved.
- Bromley currently have around 80 trained volunteers to respond in an emergency. More training is taking place in partnership with the south east boroughs that is provided by the British Red Cross. The number of trained volunteers is expected to increase with the next training session being held in Bexley in February.
- Currently writing the Bromley Borough Resilience Forum: Strategy and Business Plan for 2018/19. Many of the work streams will be carried over to next year as the June BRF was cancelled due to involvement in incidents occurring this year.