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NSC (THRC) (R) (O) (18) 4th Meeting

CABINET

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (THREATS, HAZARDS, RESILIENCE AND CONTINGENCIES);

OFFICIAL COMMITTEE ON RESILIENCE

MINUTES

MINUTES of a meeting held in Main Meeting Room, Lower Ground Floor, 10 Victoria Street

On 19 December 2018 at 14:00

PRESENT

Katherine Hammond
CABINET OFFICE
In the CHAIR

Mike Botten Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	NR Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Jon Fuller Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	NR Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure
NR Department for Transport	NR Department for International Development
Clair Baynton Department for Health and Social Care	NR Foreign and Commonwealth Office
NR Her Majesty's Treasury	NR Health and Safety Executive
NR Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	Katherine Richardson Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
NR Met Office	NR Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland
NR Scottish Government	
NR National Fire Chiefs' Council	NR Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre

1: Introduction and minute of last meeting and actions arising

The CHAIR welcomed all members to the meeting. Members were given the option to raise any issues or questions about outstanding actions. Due to time constraints, actions or minutes were not discussed.

2: EU Exit Planning

The CABINET OFFICE updated members on Civil Contingencies Secretariat (CCS) prioritisation work in the lead up to EU Exit. They planned to move into the operational mode of EU Exit planning in early January. CCS stressed that capacity will be maintained to continue normal preparedness activities and ensuring that Part 2 of the CCA is refined if required (for contingency purposes). In discussion members raised the following points:

- As part of the normal preparedness activities – would continuity of crisis management continue? The CABINET OFFICE advised that it would be maintained and tested as required but that some elements will be prioritised.
- That some departments still wished to provide feedback on the National Security Risk Assessment. The CABINET OFFICE actioned all departments to complete the feedback requested if not already done so.
- Would hostile state activity exercises will continue? The CABINET OFFICE advised that exercises other than EU exit planning are under the control of the lead government departments and that they must prioritise accordingly.

The CHAIR summarised that officials should continue to brief ministers on what level of business as usual activities/departmental responsibilities could continue following a move to the operational mode of EU Exit planning.

Actions

- **ALL DEPARTMENTS to provide feedback to the CABINET OFFICE on the National Security Risk Assessment.**
- **The MINISTRY OF HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT to complete scoping work with local resilience fora on EU Exit Planning.**

3: National Security Capability Review, National Resilience Project Update:

a. Holistic Support to Victims

The CABINET OFFICE presented two community resilience guidance documents. The Community resilience development framework had been developed to enable public resilience, enable category one responders to adapt to changing public expectations and enable category one responders to utilise capabilities. The CABINET OFFICE had engaged with all appropriate government departments as well as consulting with over two hundred practitioners at events. Spontaneous volunteers guidance had also been developed with practitioners, giving points to consider for emergency responders to engage with the public during emergencies. The CABINET OFFICE stated that comments would be accepted and addressed up until 9th JANUARY 2019 at which point it would be assumed that departments were content with publication. The CABINET OFFICE clarified that following the 9th January 2019 they would be seeking final sign off from the MINISTER FOR IMPLEMENTATION.