



Recovery Plan

Appendix 2

Handover Procedure

Suggested Criteria for Handover from Response to Recovery

The criteria for assessing when the handover can take place from response to recovery should be agreed between the Chair of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group (usually the police) and the Chair of the Recovery Co-ordinating Group (usually the local authority).

This could be a phased event depending on the emergency, e.g. if a number of disparate sites were affected which are released to the RCG over a period of time.

Suggested criteria are:

- The emergency is contained and there is no significant risk of resurgence.
- Public safety measures are in place and working effectively.
- Recovery Co-ordinating Group (and any supporting Sub-Groups) is firmly established and pro-active.
- The Emergency Control Centre is functioning effectively and has the necessary:
 - Resources
 - Communications
 - Media co-ordination support
- Individual organisations are functioning effectively with adequate:
 - Resources
 - Communications
 - Management of outstanding issues
- District Council are able to accept Chair of Recovery Co-ordinating Group.

Suggested Handover Certificate

[Note: This certificate has been written assuming the Strategic Co-ordinating Group is being chaired by the police and the Recovery Co-ordinating Group is being chaired by the local authority]

Upon this Status Certificate being signed by both the Local Authority and the Police Authority, the Command and Control for dealing with the aftermath of theemergency is to be taken over by Belfast City Council.

In addition to any requirements laid out in specific contingency plans relevant to this emergency:

1. There is no known further risk to life in relation to this specific emergency.
2. The circumstances dictate it more appropriate for Command and Control to rest with Belfast City Council in that the phase is clearly now one of recovery.
3. There are no serious public order or crime prevention issues which impact on the overall strategic co-ordination of the recovery phase.
4. Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service together with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service are operating at a level which does not necessitate a Strategic Co-ordinating Group to co-ordinate and facilitate their activity.
5. There are no known scenarios which may require the reinstatement of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group in relation to this emergency in the foreseeable future.

6. Belfast City Council is satisfied that it has in place the infrastructure and processes to take over co-ordination from the Police.

Signed: Belfast City Council

Signed:PSNI

Date and Time Signed: