

## NATIONAL INTERAGENCY LIAISON OFFICER (NILO) PROCEDURE



### REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

**For Information**

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members that Cleveland Fire Brigade's National Interagency Liaison Officer (NILO) Procedure Note has been updated to align with current national guidance. This provides CFB staff with clear guidelines on the roles and responsibilities of a NILO in both Training and Incidents.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members note the report.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The NILO role delivers two main functions:

- **Proactive response:** Intelligence-led operations where the blue light services' pre-planning focus will be on risk reduction, risk and asset management and communication.
- **Reactive response and mobilising:** Where the NILO can advise on the FRS' capacity and capability to complement those of other agencies to safely resolve the incident.

- 3.2 There are four main categories of incident types in which the NILO may be involved:

- CBRN(E) and Conventional terrorism, including Marauding Terrorism
- Major Incidents
- Complex or protracted police-led incidents
- Spontaneous and planned serious public order

- 3.3 The role of the NILO will involve:

- Intelligence and information sharing between partner agencies.
- Inter-agency planning, operational preparedness, liaison and response to incidents.
- Co-operation and understanding amongst agencies on matters of organisational capacity, capability, command, policies and procedures.
- Delivering tactical advice and intelligence when supporting tactical or strategic commanders.
- Reduce risk to the public, operational personnel and the environment.
- Working within Operational and Event control rooms, Counter Terrorism Units (CTUs) and environments that are outside the normal scope of their host agency.
- Supporting protective security arrangements.

#### **4. CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 NILOs within CFB currently do not have the delegated authority to deliver a response on behalf of CFB. With the implementation of this Procedure Note CFB will align to national guidance, which will read:-
- 4.2 *"NILOs within Cleveland Fire Brigade (CFB) have the delegated authority to deliver a response on behalf of CFB during incidents where their expertise is required within the first 30 minutes. While NILOs will not normally assume the role of Incident Commander, they are positioned to provide essential command or tactical advice functions to support incident management."*

#### **5. SUMMARY**

- 5.1 The introduction of this Procedure Note provides CFB with a clear framework for the delegation of authority to NILOs. By establishing this guidance, CFB aligns itself with national standards and ensures a consistent approach to deploying NILOs during incidents. NILOs will have the authority to make risk-critical decisions where appropriate, supporting incident commanders with tactical advice and command functions.
- 5.2 The Procedure Note also outlines training and continuous professional development requirements to maintain the effectiveness and competency of the NILO cadre. Additionally, this structure ensures that CFB has a resilient and capable NILO team available at all times.
- 5.3 The Procedure Note will be appended to the Incident Command Training Information Note.

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