

# **UNITED KINGDOM SEARCH AND RESCUE (UKSAR) OPERATORS GROUP**

## **REPORT OF MEETING OF 17 APRIL 2001**

1. The minutes of the meeting of 19 February 2001 were agreed.
2. In order to facilitate the ease of use of the UKSAR website and make it as accessible to as many people as possible it was agreed that the site should be kept simple and easy to navigate.
3. It was agreed that the Consultative meetings would be held on 2 and 19 June.
4. The draft report from the Helicopter Provision Working Group had been produced, the final report once completed would be passed to both the Operators Group and the Strategic Committee for endorsement.
5. It was agreed that following the publication of the Helicopter Provision Working Groups final report that the Working Group would remain as a standing committee to meet as required by the Operators Group.
6. The final draft of the UKSAR Frame Work Document was nearing completion. The Consultative Group would receive copies of the document once finalised. It was agreed that once the final Frame Work document was completed that the Working Group would be disbanded.
7. The last meeting of the National Controlling meeting would be held on 19 April with the first meeting of the SAR Communications Working Group meeting on 24 April. It was noted that AIRWAVE had gone live.
8. Work was continuing on the reworking on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fire Service and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
9. It was noted that difficulties were being reported from some fire brigades with regard to offshore firefighting.
10. The Terms of Reference had been agreed for the implementation of SAR on the River Thames. It was noted that the Thames SAR Implementation Group was outside of the UKSAR Committee Structure.
11. An update was provided on the progress of the production of a SAR methodology risk assessment.