

UK SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATORS GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Acting under the aegis of the UK SAR Strategy Committee, the objectives of the Operators Group are:

1. To develop a programme of work to implement the tasks set by the UKSAR Strategy Committee
2. To consider reports and recommendations from associated SAR Working Groups
3. To consider the views of the UK Maritime and Aviation SAR, and Inland SAR Consultative Committees
4. To advise and make recommendations to the UK SAR Strategy committee on National SAR Framework to ensure efficient and effective co-operation between SAR agencies and those concerned with civil SAR
5. To determine the terms of reference and issue other guidance as appropriate to SAR Working Groups, and Consultative Committees

Frequency of Meetings

6. The Group shall meet up to four times a year.

Costs

7. Unless otherwise agreed by the DfT (MCA), costs for attending meetings shall be borne by representative bodies.

Membership

8. The Operators Group shall comprise representatives from:
 - a) The DTLR - Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) - Chair and Secretariat
 - b) The Ministry of Defence (RAF) - Vice Chair
 - c) Home Office
 - d) The Association of Chief Police Officers England and Wales (ACPO)
 - e) The Association of Chief Police Officers Scotland ACPO(S))
 - f) Chief and Assistant Chief fire Officers Association (CACFOA)
 - g) Ambulance Service Association (ASA)
 - h) Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)
 - i) Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS)
 - j) Mountain Rescue Council for England and Wales (MRC)
 - k) Mountain Rescue Council of Scotland (MRC of S)
 - l) British Cave Rescue Council (BCRC)
 - m) Association of Lowland Search and Rescue (ALSAR)
9. Other members may be co-opted from time to time as determined by the Group.

Review

10. The terms of reference and existence of the Operators Group may be reviewed by the UK SAR Strategy Committee as required by them.