

# UK SEARCH AND RESCUE STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### 1. Aim

The UK SAR Strategic committee (UKSARSC) is an inter-Agency national forum with responsibility for advising on structure, scope and framework of the organisation of UK SAR.

### 2. Objectives

The Committees objectives are:

- a) To develop criteria for the coverage, responsiveness and availability of SAR resources, consulting the UK SAR Operators Group as required
- b) To offer reviews to Ministers on improving SAR capability, effectiveness and
- c) co-operation
- d) To promote effective and efficient co-operation between the various Government Departments, the emergency services and other organisations including voluntary agencies for the provision of an effective SAR service at national and, where appropriate, international levels
- e) To establish the framework for UKSAR as described in the document
- f) To provide Terms of Reference for the UK SAR Operators Group

The Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

### 3. Membership

Membership of the Committee shall be confined to those with strategic and policy responsibilities within those organisations which contribute significantly to UK SAR. The Committee shall consist of members from the following organisations:

- a) DTLR - Chair and Secretariat
- b) Ministry of Defence - Vice Chair
- c) Home Office
- d) Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)
- e) Association of Chief Police Officers England, Wales and NI (ACPO)
- f) Association of Chief Police Officers Scotland (ACPO(S))
- g) Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association (CACFOA)
- h) Ambulance Service Association (ASA)
- i) Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)