

**NOTES OF A MEETING TO DISCUSS UPPER STREET FLOOD WITH
EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM – 07 FEBRUARY 2017 – 3.00P.M.**

**Present : Councillor Richard Greening
Daniel Lawson – Emergency Planning – Environment
and Regeneration Department**

Councillor Richard Greening in the Chair

During discussion the following main points were made –

- **It was noted that the Police first reported the leak as a result of checking the CCTV. TfL had initially reported the leak to the Police and at around 4.58a.m. the Fire Brigade were contacted. It was not known whether TfL had contacted Thames at this stage or if they had contacted them**
- **It was stated that 2 Local Authority Liaison Officers (LALO's) were on call and were alerted to attend on site and additional staff were on standby and there are also 30/40 volunteers who are available to assist if needed**
- **LALO's have to live within an hour of Islington and it took them 40 minutes to get on site. The Borough Emergency Control centre (BEC) opened at 7.00a.m. at 222 Upper Street**
- **There was initially a rest centre for residents set up at the Steam Passage and this was moved to the Business Design Centre later in the morning at 8.30a.m.**
- **LALO's were able to obtain medication for residents who needed this and could not get back to their properties because of flooding**
- **There had been problems with some media representatives who were present pretending to be residents and this is an area that would be looked at in future to ensure measures were in place to deal with such situations**

- **The BEC received regular updates on what was happening on site and sent pumps to the site and staff to assist the Police with traffic management**
- **Once the situation was in actual recovery stage the BEC organised street environmental services to go on site and clean and make safe footpaths and roads and these were safe to open within 36 hours of the flooding. A member of staff from Building Control was also sent down in order to check that building were structurally sound**
- **In terms of going forward and lessons learnt it was felt that the Council were looking into the stocking of sandbags, and that a request would be made for Thames to provide information on where main trunk mains were situated**
- **It was stated that once the internal incident report had been completed by the Emergency Planning team this should be circulated to Members**