

INQUESTS INTO THE DEATHS ARISING FROM THE FISHMONGERS' HALL AND LONDON BRIDGE TERROR ATTACK

SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF THE FISHMONGERS' COMPANY

PFD Report

1. The brief submissions below respond in particular to §§58-59 of the submissions of the family of Miss Saskia Jones (29th June 2021), and the suggestion contained therein that the circumstances – namely, the speed of the Company's response to its own Risk Register – is such as to create a risk of other death requiring action above and beyond that which the Company has taken and is in the process of taking. Absent such circumstances, the Coroner's duty to make a PFD Report does not arise (Written Submissions of CTI on Determinations, §82(a)).
2. The Company is grateful for the express acknowledgment at §58 of the revision of its processes for event approval and assessment.
3. In respect of the Strategic Risk Register, the information revealed through the investigation is that:
 - a. The Strategic Risk Register was produced on the instruction and behalf of the Company, by a professional risk management consultancy, to assist it in ensuring that its governance developed to manage its expanding activity in the charitable sector: 10/36/21-22.
 - b. The Strategic Risk Register was and remains an organic document, regularly considered, responded to, and updated (10/119/11; That applied to all Risks identified within the Register. It was never intended to and does not function as a checklist.
 - c. The possibility that a lone wolf attacker would surface from the ranks of an invited guest list had not been considered, either by the consultant or by the Company.
 - d. In the weeks following the attacks, the Company immediately sought to understand and extract – and action – the lessons to be learned – in terms of the nature of the risk of repeat or similar incident, and responses available to the company to address and minimise the risks (DC5064; 10/85, 91).
 - e. Since the attacks, the Company's further work and responses have included:

- the drafting of new contract terms to govern future events and requiring the provision of specific information about the nature of the activity to be conducted by the event organiser and the profiles of proposed attendees;
 - the adoption of event specific risk assessments;
 - the implementation of a Duty Manager role to provide a single point of authority to oversee all aspect of practical event management, safety and security;
 - the purchase of additional equipment to function at least as deterrence or containment (including searching devices, internal CCTV and the ability to lockdown the entrance hall);
 - routine consideration of additional control measures (such as informing the Police and acting upon their advice)
- f. Immediately following the event and also after the conclusion of the Inquest, The Company has further sought to disseminate its learning to similar organisations including all other Livery Companies and the other major / minor organisations with which it is connected (10/127/21-23).
4. In the circumstances, the Company respectfully submits that the mandatory features generating the Coroner’s duty to issue a PFD report do not arise in respect of the Company.

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