

6.0 Health and Safety

6.1 Event organisers have a duty to ensure that health, safety and welfare are well managed for people working on and attending their event. The key tool to assist with this duty is the undertaking of a risk assessment of the activities and implementing the findings. Organisers are advised to consult *The Purple Guide* produced by the Events Industry Forum and approved by the Health and Safety Executive. It covers all relevant aspects of managing an event.

6.2 Large and major events will require substantial forward planning and the risk assessment should be undertaken by a competent person. The assessment should form part of a wider Event Management Plan detailing how the event will be run.

6.3 Terrorist threat

6.3.1 Events by their very nature create crowded places which can become a potential target for terrorists. The risk of terrorist type attacks should be considered and included in pre event risk assessments and appropriate control measures should be implemented to reduce the risk.

6.3.2 Terrorists may use a variety of methods to disrupt or attack an event including (but not limited to) marauding firearms or knife attacks, explosives and using a vehicle as a weapon.

6.3.3 Intelligence and recent attacks have identified that terrorists are increasingly moving towards using a vehicle as a weapon (driving at crowds – often followed by a marauding firearms or knife attack). Event organisers should consider how they can reduce the risk of this style of attack through the implementation of Hostile Vehicle Mitigation measures. These include, but are not limited to, the strategic parking of event vehicles, the closure of live surrounding roads and the procurement or hire of approved Hostile Vehicle Mitigation measures. Kirklees Council's Emergency Planning and Highways teams can provide further advice and information on Hostile Vehicle Mitigation measures.

6.3.4 In addition to physical protective security measures, it is important to ensure that event staff are aware of how to identify suspicious behaviour and suspicious items. It is also important to ensure that event staff know how to report concerns and more importantly what action to take should there be a significant risk/threat.

6.3.5 Event visitors may also be seen as an asset to assist in identifying suspicious behaviour and suspicious items. Awareness campaigns can be used to encourage event visitors to remain vigilant and report suspicions to event staff. It is important to ensure that event staff are visible and can be contacted easily.