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Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

Report of the Chair of the Community Safety Committee

Agenda No:

Date: 19 February 2010

Purpose of Report:

To report to Members on the business and actions of the Community Safety Committee meeting of Friday 15 January 2010.

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1. BACKGROUND

As part of the revised Governance arrangements the Authority has delegated key responsibilities for Community Safety to the Community Safety Committee. As part of those delegated responsibilities the Chair of the Community Safety Committee and the Management lead report to the Authority on its business and actions as agreed at Fire and Rescue Authority meeting 1 June 2007.

2. REPORT

2.1 Due to unexpected changes of availability, the Community Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Friday 15 January 2010 was not quorate. However, those Members present did meet to discuss the reports which were to be presented and the notes from that discussion are attached to this report at Appendix A. All reports will be taken forward to the next meeting of the Committee in April 2010.

2.2 Discussion focused on the following areas:

- Continuation of the On Fire Fund – outlining to Members the value, benefits and achievement of the On Fire Fund to date and proposals that the Community Safety Committee approve the continuation of the fund.
- Road Casualty Reduction – reporting on progress towards meeting the national casualty reduction targets for 2010, and to provide additional statistical information on the impact of the work of the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership.
- Student Brand Ambassador – an update on Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's Student Campaign and the associated Fire Kills Student Brand Ambassadors campaign activity within the student community.
- RiskWatch: Special Educational Needs – an outline of the progress of special needs resources developed to support the RiskWatch programme.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All financial implications were considered as part of the original reports submitted to the Community Safety Committee.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

All human resources and learning and development implications were considered as part of the original reports submitted to the Community Safety Committee.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An initial equality impact assessment has identified no specific aspects relating to a disproportionate effect in respect of the key equality strands.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional risk management issues arising from this report other than those specifically reported to the Committee as part of the reports under consideration.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None.

Councillor John Hempsall
CHAIR OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE



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COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

NOTES

of informal meeting held on **15 JANUARY 2010** at the Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, from 10.00 am to 10.45 am

Membership

- ^ Councillor J Hemsall (Chair)
- Councillor B Cooper
- ^ Councillor S Fielding
- Councillor B Grocock
- ^ Councillor K Longdon

Members absent are marked ^

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fielding, Hemsall and Longdon.

2 QUORUM

As the quorum for a meeting of the Committee was three and only two Councillors were present, the meeting was not quorate and could not therefore proceed. The members present decided to proceed on an informal basis.

3 CONTINUATION OF THE 'ON FIRE FUND'

Further to the Chief Fire Officer's report, John Buckley, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, reported that £20,000 had been given to the High Sheriff's Fund in Nottingham. The Chief Fire Officer was a Trustee and with a pot of £80,000 it provided considerable funds specifically for broader community safety. Mary McEvoy confirmed that the application form for the On Fire Fund was simple and identified smaller groups that

were often missed by mainstream fire reduction activity. Even if an application was not successful it was likely that the Fire Authority could still provide some assistance through mainstream services or signposting to other organisations. The Fund had recently been topped up to £200,000 by the Finance and Resources Committee. However, if there were cost cuts in the future, the Fund would have to be reviewed.

4 ROAD CASUALTY REDUCTION

Further to the Chief Fire Officer's report, Mary McEvoy, Head of Community Safety, circulated the Nottinghamshire Casualty Report 2008 prepared by the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership. She explained the statistics in the report which showed that targets were being achieved. The document 'Beyond 2010' was out for consultation and the new targets would be published in due course. It would be useful to councillors if further statistical information could be provided which showed 'hot spots' and who was involved in accidents – cyclists, motorcycles etc.

5 STUDENT BRAND AMBASSADOR

Further to the Chief Fire Officer's report, the good relationships with the two universities were outlined and the campaign activity which was undertaken with students.

6 RISKWATCH;SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Further to the Chief Fire Officer's report, Ms McEvoy circulated two booklets (RiskWatch Fire Safety and RiskWatch Teacher Guide) which had been prepared as part of the special needs resources developed to support the RiskWatch programme. Expertise at Portland College had been used to develop the resource and it was now being promoted for use within mainstream education for those with special educational needs.