



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
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Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority

PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

Report of the Chair of the
Performance Monitoring Committee

Agenda No:

Date: 17 December 2010

Purpose of Report:

To report to Members on the business and actions of the Performance Monitoring Committee meeting of Friday 01 October 2010.

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1. BACKGROUND

As part of the revised Governance arrangements the Authority have delegated key responsibilities for Performance Monitoring to the Performance Monitoring Committee. As part of those delegated responsibilities, the Chair of the Performance Monitoring Committee and the Management lead, report to the Authority on its business and actions.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 01 October 2010 are attached to this report at Appendix A. The following summarises the main points of the papers discussed at the meeting.
- 2.2 The Committee were in receipt of a report which updated on how the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority performed in Quarter 1 2010/11, against its national indicators (NIs) and key performance indicators (KPIs).
- 2.3 The report outlined the aggregated targets at Service level and depicted how the organisation is performing against its statutory indicators. Performance compared to targets was demonstrated, as well as performance compared to the previous year and the previous two years. This allows for an overall snapshot of how the organisation is performing in specific areas. All NIs and KPIs require an appropriate commentary from the manager responsible. These responses detail what actions are being taken and if there are any significant issues which need to be considered in relation to the overall totals. It was resolved that the Quarter 4 performance be noted and the Service's overall performance continue to be monitored.
- 2.4 Additionally, the Committee considered a report which informed Members of how the Authority had been performing against its NIs relative to Family Group 4 (FG4) members, and to provide evidence for Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's position on the benchmarking tables in order to aid general understanding.
- 2.5 It was resolved that the report be noted, and that additionally:
 - the Chief Fire Officer select two other Fire and Rescue Services which were similar to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service (land locked) in terms of ethnic mix, deprivation, Council spend and life expectancy and submit a further report to the next meeting of the Committee on 7 January 2011 comparing the performance of the Services;
 - the performance of this Service to that of Avon and Staffordshire continue to be tracked and a report be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee on trends and ascertaining whether over a 5 year period the gap between the two had stayed the same or had decreased/increased;

- the Chief Fire Officer review all the targets currently monitored by the Authority with recommendations being submitted to the next meeting of the Committee as to whether these were realistic and, if not, recommending what the new targets should be;
- at a future councillors' forum the Chair, supported by officers, give a presentation explaining the role of the Committee and the fantastic work which was being undertaken;
- officers be thanked for their continued hard work in preparing all the data submitted to Committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All financial implications were considered as part of the original reports submitted to the Performance Monitoring 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 Performance Monitoring 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

The monitoring of performance will be an essential part of the Service's development. The Comprehensive Performance Assessment and associated audit processes will continue to scrutinise the Service's overall performance. Failure to act on poor performance could lead to intervention.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report and the business undertaken by the Performance Monitoring Committee.

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

None.

Councillor Gordon Wheeler
CHAIR OF PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

For Note

APPENDIX A



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **1 OCTOBER 2010** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottingham, from 10.15 am to 10.40 am

Membership

	Councillor Wheeler	(Chair)
	Councillor Carroll	
^	Councillor Dobson	
^	Councillor James	
	Councillor Pulk	(substitute for Councillor James)
^	Councillor Rigby	

Members absent are marked ^

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dobson, James and Rigby.

The Chair expressed his disappointment that three members of the Committee had not attended the meeting and had not organised substitutes. He thanked Councillor Pulk for standing in as a substitute at very short notice which had made the meeting quorate.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

7 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 July 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

8 PERFORMANCE UPDATE – QUARTER 1 2010/11

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing the Committee of how Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority had performed against its National Indicators (NI) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in quarter 1.

The Chief Fire Officer referred to the areas where performance was currently below target, which included NI33b Deliberate Secondary Fires and KPI142iii Accidental Dwelling Fires. The question as to whether realistic targets had originally been established was raised and was discussed in minute 5 below.

RESOLVED that the Quarter 1 performance be noted and the Service's overall performance continue to be monitored.

9 COMPARISON OF THIS AUTHORITY'S PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL INDICATORS RELATIVE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FG4 BENCHMARKING GROUP (2007 -2010)

Further to minute 4 (2) dated 9 July 2010, consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated. With regard to the comparison of the performance of this Authority with Avon and Staffordshire it was pointed out that Nottinghamshire had achieved greater reductions in all fires, in deliberate primary fires and in deliberate secondary fires.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer select two other Fire and Rescue Services which were similar to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service (land locked) in terms of ethnic mix, deprivation, Council spend and life expectancy and submit a further report to the next meeting of the Committee on 7 January 2011 comparing the performance of the Services;**
- (3) that the performance of this Service to that of Avon and Staffordshire continue to be tracked and a report be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee on trends and ascertaining whether over a 5 year period the gap between the two had stayed the same or had decreased/increased;**
- (4) that the Chief Fire Officer review all the targets currently monitored by the Authority with recommendations being submitted to the next meeting of the Committee as to whether these were realistic and, if not, recommending what the new targets should be;**
- (5) that at a future councillors' forum the Chair, supported by officers, give a presentation explaining the role of the Committee and the fantastic work which was being undertaken;**

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