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Fire & Rescue Service
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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:11(d)

Date: 22 February 2013

Purpose of Report:

To report to Members on the business and actions of the Community Safety Committee meeting of Friday 18 January 2013.

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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 The minutes of the Community Safety Committee held on Friday 18 January 2013 are attached to this report at Appendix A. The following summarises the main points discussed at the meeting.
- 2.2 The Committee gave consideration to a report informimg and updating Members on the programme of engagement with social housing providers. It was resolved:
 - (1) that the approach being taken by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service in engaging with Social Housing Providers be endorsed;
 - (2) that further reports be received by this Committee from the Chief Fire Officer as to the progress of the arrangements.

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. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

An equality impact assessment has not been undertaken because this report is not associated with a policy, function or service. Its purpose is to update the Fire Authority on the outcomes of Committee business.

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 Sybil Fielding
CHAIR OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM
FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **18 JANUARY 2013** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 11.00 am to 11.23 am.

Membership

Councillor Fielding (Chair)
Councillor Grocock
Councillor Hempsall
Councillor Yates
^ Councillor Zadrozny

Members absent are marked ^

13 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Zadrozny.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

15 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 October 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

16 ENGAGING WITH SOCIAL HOUSING PROVIDERS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated. The report was introduced by John Buckley, Deputy Chief Fire

Officer, who updated Members on the programme of engagement with Social Housing Providers.

In response to comments, the following key issues were highlighted:

- Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service's (NFRS) had originally liaised with Nottingham City Homes (NCH) in 2011 with a view to sharing incident data. Although not expected to start in earnest until the later in the year, NFRS now had a data sharing agreement in place with other housing providers such as A1 Housing;
- a higher propensity of fires was noted in social housing, however this was potentially linked to the vulnerability of those who reside in social housing;
- in addition to seeking a closer relationship with a variety of housing providers, efforts would be made to liaise with private landlords;
- following negotiations, NCH had agreed to the fitment of sprinkler systems in their properties. Following the All-Party Parliamentary Fire and Rescue Group Parliamentary Seminar, NCH agreed to retro fit sprinkler systems to Stepney Court in Aspley which would be part funded by NFRS. After further discussions, NCH had also agreed to include sprinklers in the tender for all their new build homes over the next four years;
- funding remained from the award of a Local Public Service Agreement grant in 2006/07 and would be used to support NCH in the fitment of sprinkler systems;
- clarification was being sought by the Chief Fire Officer as to whether covenants for the fitment of sprinkler systems could be applied to land. This would make the expectation explicit at the outset of any agreement;
- a shift in the perception by the public of the sprinkler system was required to both value and desire the implementation of the proposals. A demonstration of the system would be sought in Nottingham to showcase the benefits to larger social and private landlords;
- it was considered a proactive approach for a NFRS representative to liaise with tenants and residents associations and other groups in the County where it would be possible to interact with a host of agencies, including those from social and private housing.

RESOLVED

- (3) that the approach being taken by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service in engaging with Social Housing Providers be endorsed;**
- (4) that further reports be received by this Committee from the Chief Fire Officer as to the progress of the arrangements.**