

### 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:

24 May 2013

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To report to Members on the business and actions of the Community Safety Committee meeting of Friday 12 April 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 12 April 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 informing and updating Members on the outcome of further work undertaken with regard to targeted response vehicles (TRVs) as a concept. It was resolved:
  - that the research work done to date be noted; and
  - that the implementation of the TRV concept around the country be monitored by the Chief Fire Officer and a further report be received from the Chief Fire Officer at a future date.

#### 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 <u>12 APRIL 2013</u> at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 11.00 am to 11.15 am.

#### Membership

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

Members absent are marked ^

#### 17 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Zadrozny.

#### 18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

#### 19 MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 January 2013 copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

#### 20 TARGETED RESPONSE VEHICLES

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the outcome of further work undertaken with regard to targeted response vehicles as a concept.

The report was presented by John Buckley, Deputy Chief Fire Officer who explained to members that as part of the Fire Cover Review (FCR) undertaken in 2010, officers had explored the concept of smaller, more mobile units, crewed with fewer personnel, to target those incidents that occurred frequently but did not physically demand the presence of a full fire appliance and crew to resolve. Such vehicles were called 'targeted response vehicles' (TRV's).

The introduction of TRV's had not been accepted by the Fire Authority, but the Chief Fire Officer had been tasked with undertaking further work to explore the issues raised and to look at the concept in cost/benefit terms. Factors which had been considered included:

- the cost of TRV's compared to the cost of a standard fire appliance;
- the number of personnel required to crew a TRV compared to the personnel required to crew a standard fire appliance.
- the projected lifetime of a TRV compared to a standard fire appliance;
- the amount of equipment required to operate a TRV.

Taking all of this into account, the Chief Fire Officer had recommended that the research work undertaken on TRV's be noted and that TRV type development be monitored but not implemented at this stage. The concept could be looked at again if operational needs and budgetary pressures required it.

#### RESOLVED

- (1) that the research work done to date be noted; and
- (2) that the implementation of the TRV concept around the Country be monitored by the Chief Fire Officer and a further report be received from the Chief Fire Officer at a future date.

#### 21 COUNCILLOR JOHN HEMPSALL

The Chair reminded the Committee that Councillor John Hempsall had decided not to stand for re-election in the forthcoming County elections and this would be his last Fire Authority meeting. Councillor Grocock, as Vice Chair of the Fire Authority, wished Councillor Hempsall well for the future and thanked him for his loyalty, hard work and commitment to the Authority over many years and presented him with a certificate of loyalty for long service.

Councillor Hempsall thanked fellow Councillors and officers for their support over the years.