



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **12 APRIL 2013** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 11.00 am to 11.15 am.

Membership

Councillor Fielding (Chair)
Councillor Grocock
Councillor Hemsall
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.