



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
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Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority
Community Safety Committee

STRATEGIC CO-LOCATION – EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Agenda Item No:

Date: 05 July 2013

Purpose of Report:

To make members aware of a pilot to co-locate on Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service fire stations with East Midlands Ambulance Service and engage their support to the trial of co-locating in three locations.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) has fire stations at twenty four locations across Nottinghamshire. It also owns accommodation at Headquarters at Bestwood Lodge, the Service Development Centre at Ollerton and a building at Clifton.
- 1.2 NFRS has changed significantly since the stations were constructed, one of the impacts of these changes is additional space available within our estate.
- 1.3 The Service has received a request to share facilities from East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS). This report highlights the current situation and future direction.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 EMAS have made an approach to co locate at a sizeable number of the Service's stations, they have limited requirements and provide a solid opportunity to show integration with another emergency service provider.
- 2.2 At a recent meeting EMAS outlined their requirements, these are limited to welfare facilities, these would be existing facilities which would be shared. They also have minimal other requirements internally and would require a dedicated space on the apron of stations to park their vehicles.
- 2.3 EMAS understand that there will have to be a formal arrangement and a memorandum of understanding. EMAS has a capital budget to cover any alterations and will provide a revenue stream to cover an agreed rental rate.
- 2.4 Scoping discussions have taken place with EMAS, around where they would like to co-locate. Their initial list has fourteen locations, it would be possible to co-locate at these stations as there is capacity.
- 2.6 Although co-location is possible at the requested locations, it would be prudent to trial the arrangements for a six month period. In discussion with EMAS the preferred trial locations would be:

West Bridgford
Ashfield
Stapleford
- 2.7 This choice gives a broad spectrum of our estate; a wholetime station, West Bridgford; a retained station, Stapleford and Ashfield which has a wholetime and retained compliment.
- 2.8 Any joint undertaking would include clauses which would allow either party to withdraw from the arrangements under an agreed set of conditions.
- 2.9 It should be noted that we are EMAS's preferred option to co locate.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Co-location will provide the Service with a revenue stream, based around a rental income and a cost to cover the use of the facilities.
- 3.2 The cost of any capital works will be borne by EMAS, although the work will be carried out by NFRS approved contractors and to approved standards.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no human resources or learning and development implications arising from this report.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

EMAS will be made aware of the Service's equality statement and the need to adhere to those standards. This will be made implicit in the memorandum of understanding.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Any legal issues arising from co-locating will be addressed prior to the trial commencing and issues added to the memorandum of understanding.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 All NFRS's stations have been risk assessed and adherence of EMAS staff to the policies will be implicit in the memorandum of understanding.
- 8.2 Undertaking a trial at three different locations will give the opportunity to highlight any additional risks and mitigate their impact.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 9.1 Members support the trial of co-location with East Midlands Ambulance Service in three initial locations utilising spare capacity in the estate.
- 9.2 Members agree to receive further reports as the trial progresses.

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

None.

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