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| Meeting | NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY | | |
| Date | 3 September 2004 | Agenda Item Number | 7 |

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present Members with the minutes of the Improvement and Development Board meeting held on 5 August 2004.

2. BACKGROUND

The Improvement and Development Board met on 5 August 2004 to update members on :-

- Pay Verification
- Fire & Rescue Service National Framework
- Fire & Rescue Service Act 2004

3. REPORT

The minutes of the meeting are attached as Appendix A and these will be put to the next meeting to be held on 23 September for ratification.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equal opportunity implications arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management Implications arising from this report.


8. RECOMMENDATION

The Members note the contents of the report and attached minutes.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None

Paul Woods
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

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|  | <p>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE Minutes of Improvement & Development Board held on Thursday 5 August 2004 at 1000 hours in the Conference Room</p> |
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| Present: | Councillor Graham Jackson Councillor John Cottee Councillor Brent Charlesworth Councillor Andrew Freeman Councillor John Hempsall Paul Woods Martyn Emberson Frank Swann Neil Colton Andy Beale Carole Andrews | Elected Member – Chair Elected Member Elected Member Elected Member Elected Member CFO DCFO ACFO – Information Services ACFO – Safety Services SDO – Safety Services Minutes |
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| Absent: | Councillor Susan Bennett DO Rod Oldroyd Neil Timms George Ware Steve Ainley | Elected Member Information Services Head of Finance & Resources UNISON FBU |
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| Agenda Item | Minute Item | Action By |
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| 1. | <p style="text-align: center;">APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Bob Finch FBU Representative Dave Needham SDO – Information Services</p> | |
| 2. | <p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: 24 June 2004</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p> | |
| 3. | <p style="text-align: center;">MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>4.1 Risk Watch List of schools delivering Risk Watch from September 2004 attached to minutes.</p> <p>4.2 Arson Task Force Chair to speak to John Clark reference progress being made. Neil Colton to e-mail Chair with details first.</p> <p>6.1 Monthly Information Bulletin New Administrator starting in Information Services whose specific reference will be to produce this bulletin/newsletter. Publication will probably be every two months and Burning Issues circulation is being revisited.</p> <p>Fire Link Best/final offers due August with final announcement due in November. This is linked with Control project and will be rolled out together.</p> | Chair/NC |

8.1 **LSPs**

Community Safety Strategy Group to be set up for avoidable injuries in City.

CFO reported that Policy Officer had been appointed on a fixed term (2 years) contract and he will form part of multi-agency team working that will come together in September.

Chair reported that he had written to John Collins reference the performance award grant and as yet had received no reply.

4. 7. **PAY VERIFICATION UPDATE**

The Phase 2 had been received from Audit Commission and a response will be made. Chief advised that the report had been moderated down at the moderation stage and it appeared that we are not getting recognition even though it appears that we are ahead of others in a lot of issues. Chair also to respond to the report.

5. **FIRE & RESCUE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK**

This document has now been published and is in force. The intention of the document is to set priorities and objectives for the Service with the aim of promoting public safety and the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of Fire Authorities and their functions. This is not a guidance document but a bible for operating procedures. Cllr Charlesworth said the implications of non-compliance needs to be made clear to Members. Members will receive own copy of the document when they are received from the ODPM. A full paper will be presented to the CFA at its September meeting.

6. **THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES ACT 2004**

The Act has now gone through Parliament and received Royal Assent on 22 July 2004. A full paper will be presented to CFA meeting in September. Due to its size copies of the Act will not be circulated but the document is available to view on the Intranet. It should be noted that the Secretary of State now has powers under the Act to intervene if he considers a Fire & Rescue Authority is failing, or likely to fail, to act in accordance with the National Framework.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 **Best Value Performance Indicators**

CFO reported that a circular had been received from the ODPM requesting feedback of a suite of fire BVPIs.

7.2 **Community Safety**

SDO Beale issued Councillors with feedback on how community safety was doing in their areas.

7.3 **IRMP2**

CFO said a longer term vision was being considered for the Fire Authority. This would include a longer term vision of how the

CFO/Chair

Service would improve its relationship with its communities. One concept that would be developed would be that where a station was well placed it would lend itself to being developed for community bases and where not so well appointed a purpose facility would be sourced that was within the community itself. He described this as the “garage and shop” concept. The Handsworth visit had gone well and had helped identify that the concept there was not suitable for Nottinghamshire. It was felt that this alternative strategy would better serve our communities.

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NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday, 23 September 2004
1000 hours at Fire Service Headquarters in the Training Room.

SCHOOLS DELIVERING RISK WATCH FROM SEPTEMBER 2004 (as at July 2004)

City South

Glapton Primary and Nursery
Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Primary
St Augustine's Catholic Primary
Milford Primary
Welbeck Primary
St Patrick Catholic Primary
South Wilford Endowed CE Primary
Whitegate Primary and Nursery
Trent Bridge Primary and Nursery
Greenwood Junior
Greenwood Infant and Nursery
Brinkhill Primary
Carrington Primary
Bosworth Primary and Nursery
Meadows Primary
Sneinton St Stephens Primary
St Ann's Well Junior
St Ann's Well Infant and Nursery
Sycamore Junior
Sycamore Infant and Nursery
Blue Bell Hill Primary
Bentink Primary and Nursery
Arkwright Primary and Nursery
Our Lady and St Edwards Catholic Primary
Highbank Primary
Brooksby Primary
Greencroft Primary
Hogarth Primary
Huntingdon Primary

City Central

Berridge Junior

City North

Ambleside Junior
Cantrell Primary and Nursery
Brocklewood Junior
Brocklewood Infant and Nursery
Bonnington Junior Community School

Newark

Bowbridge Primary & Nursery
Winthorpe Primary
Oliver Quibell Infant
Besthorpe Primary
Hallam Primary

Schools not interested in Risk Watch

Walter Halls Primary and Nursery (City South)