

report

meeting	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY	
date	15 April 2005	agenda item number

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 18 March 2005.

2. BACKGROUND

It was agreed that minutes from the meetings of the Improvement and Development Board would be submitted to Fire Authority Members for their information.

3. REPORT

The Improvement and Development Board met on 18 March 2005 to update members on :

- Vehicle Mounted Data System ;
- Fire Service Emergency Cover (FSEC) Progress ;
- Service Performance.

The minutes of the meeting are attached as Appendix A and these will be ratified at the next meeting to be held on 21 April 2005.

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. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An initial assessment has revealed there are no equality issues arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management Implications arising from this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None.

Paul Woods
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
Minutes of Improvement & Development Board
 held on
Friday 18 March 2005
 at 1000 hours
 at Service Headquarters

Present:	Councillor John Hemsall	Elected Member
	Councillor John Cottee	Elected Member
	Paul Woods	CFO
	Martyn Emberson	DCFO
	Frank Swann	ACFO – Information Services
	Neil Colton	ACFO – Safety Services
	Neil Timms	Head of Finance & Resources
	George Ware	Unison
	Carole Andrews	Minutes

Apologies	Councillor Graham Jackson	Chair
	Councillor Brent Charlesworth	Deputy Chair
	Bob Finch	FBU
	Adam Moore	RFU

Agenda Item	Previous Minute Item		Action By
1.		APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
		As above.	
2.		MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
		The minutes were accepted as a true record.	
3.		MATTERS ARISING	
	4.7	FSEC/Jupiter Project	
		A full report on the Jupiter Project deferred to the next IDB meeting.	ACO IS
	5.	Partnership Working of Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service	
		A full report providing a view of community engagement was mailed to all Members with further detail added for each District.	
		The next issue of the "Update" will include article focusing on partnership engagement and the impact being made. Next issue due out week commencing 21 March 2005.	
	6.	Arson Task Force – Progress Bestwood Estate	
		Letters to be drafted for signature by Councillors Pepper and Grocock congratulating Stockhill and Arnold on hard work and results achieved.	

AGENDA ITEMS

4.

Vehicle Mounted Data System

The report previously circulated gave progress details of the VMDS Project Phase 1. Any outstanding issues have been addressed with the exception of minor problems with Misterton and Edwinstowe who cannot be Broadband enabled by BT at the moment, it has been arranged for them to get their updates from other nearby stations. Congratulations were extended to StnO Tarlton-Weatherall and the VMDS Team for the progress made and delivering the project on time. It was stated that StnO Tarlton-Weatherall had been asked to head up the National Team working on this project. Members were also informed that although East Sussex had started the project at the same time they had fell behind and were in fact consulting NFRS on problems being encountered.

There is now an opportunity to develop the project in relation to automatic vehicle location which may be worth the investment and be a distinct advantage to the Service.

A full report will be presented to the June Fire Authority meeting.

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5.

Fire Service Emergency Cover (FSEC) Progress

The report previously circulated gave progress details of the FSEC development from a National perspective. Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service have developed the system carefully and are amongst those Brigades who have not only achieved most, but are now in a position to obtain tangible results which will assist them when dealing with resource location and management issues. The FSEC software is and will continue to be used as an integral part of the Local Risk Management Planning (LRMP) in line with those requirements of the ODPM.

It was noted that 58% of brigades only use FSEC to "some extent". This would probably lead to difficulties in connecting to Regional Control Rooms for those brigades not using FSEC fully.

It was felt that a demonstration of FSEC for all Fire Authority Members would be useful after the possible elections. (June Fire Authority meeting).

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Service Performance

The report previously circulated gave information of the Service's current performance against the Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPis) and to highlight two performance indicators for closer scrutiny at this meeting.

This report highlights development work that has commenced on amending Local Performance Indicators (LPis) and targets in order to incorporate the National Voluntary Performance Indicators (VPIs) and the Performance Management Framework.

Similar reports are to be brought to future meetings, where a couple of alternative indicators, of IDBs choosing, would similarly be highlighted. This would give Members the opportunity to positively enquire into these areas of Service performance.

DCFO told the meeting that as at 16 March we are being consulted on information not being collected at the moment, ie special services, rubbish fires, equipment used and social demographics.

ACO SS reported that both City and County PSAs were on target and if successful thought should be given as to where the performance grant award capital will be invested within Community Safety.

Report on target setting, AFAs (BVPA 149) and LPSA for next meeting.

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Point of accuracy on Appendix 4 – AFAs should read 4,481 NOT 4,810.

7.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, 21 April 2005 at 1000 hours in the Training Room at Fire Service HQ.