

report

meeting	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY	
date	3 June 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 21 April 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

3.1 The Improvement and Development Board met on 21 April 2005 to update members on :

- Reduction of Unwanted Fire Signals from Automatic Fire Alarms and Alarm Systems. (A full report to be brought to Fire Authority in Autumn 2005).
- Jupiter in Notts (JiN).
- Best Value Performance Indicators – Outcomes for 2004-2005. (Full report to be brought to Fire Authority following closing of Best Value Indicators on 30 June 2005).

3.2 The minutes of the meeting are attached as Appendix A and these will be ratified at the next meeting which is proposed for 14 July 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

That 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
Thursday 21 April 2005
 at 1000 hours
 at Service Headquarters

Present:	Councillor Brent Charlesworth Councillor John Cottee Paul Woods Frank Swann Neil Colton George Ware Carole Andrews	Vice Chair Elected Member CFO ACFO – Information Services ACFO – Safety Services Unison Minutes
Apologies	Councillor Graham Jackson Martyn Emberson Neil Timms	Chair Deputy Chief Fire Officer Head of Finance & Resources

Agenda Item	Previous Minute Item		Action By
1.		<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>As above.</p>	
2.		<p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
3.		<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>5. ACO Swann reported that the second issue of the "Update" was circulated during week commencing 21 March 2005.</p> <p>6. Arson Task Force – Progress Bestwood Estate</p> <p>ACO Colton reported that letters had been drafted, signed and sent on behalf of Councillors Pepper and Grocock congratulating Stockhill and Arnold on their hard work and the results achieved.</p>	
4.		<p>AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Reduction of Unwanted Fire Signals from AFA and Alarm Systems</p> <p>The report previously circulated reported on the progress in the reduction of unwanted fire signals from AFA and alarm systems. The report identifies the overall strategy used and briefly describes the policies in place and those being considered for implementation.</p>	

Since the launch of the National campaign to reduced unwanted fire signals from AFAs, Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service have identified and tackled the main sources of false alarms and promoted greater awareness of the problem, through raising public awareness, partnership working, the introduction of the "off-line" policy in 2002 and the new AFA response policy in 2004 and by the promotion of self-assessment in residential care and nursing homes.

Mr Ware explained that although the National trend for the number of unwanted fire signals is upwards, due to the combined effort of the strategy and policies adopted by Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, the overall trend in the County continues to be downwards.

Mr Ware told the meeting that letters had been drafted and were ready to be sent to approximately 1100 remotely alarmed premises held on the register, advising them of the implementation of the CFOA policy and its implications.

It was agreed that a report be taken to full FA meeting on the CFOA policy on Fire & Rescue Services Response to Remotely Monitored Fire Alarms explaining the aims and main elements of the policy. The need to tie in with convergence issues (SDO Whelan) in relation to regional fire control was highlighted.

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5.

Jupiter in Notts (JiN)

The report previously circulated gave progress details of the JiN data sharing initiative that was established eighteen months ago.

To assist in the development of the project the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Board was approached to act as a steering group for JiN with the aim of providing strategic direction and to set target priorities for the project and also to include development of a website. The project will be formally launched within NFRS once the work on the website has been completed.

The data extracted from the project will assist the FA in the production of its IRMP and contribute to the vision for a safer Nottinghamshire.

It was agreed that after two previous attempts there was a need to make this project happen.

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CFO requested that Fiona Hill produce a report for him to take to the next Chief Executive's Group meeting.

6.

BVPIs – Outcomes for 2004-2005 including Performance of the LPSA Fire Safety Target

The report previously circulated gave information on the performance of the BVPIs that are managed by Safety Services Department against 2003-2004s performance and also sets out the performance of the LPSA Fire Safety Target for the first two years of the three-year life span.

ACO Safety Services went through the individual BVPIs with discussion from members of IDB.

LPSA – Fire Safety Target

NFRS entered into separate agreements in April 2003 with Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council to reduce the level of deaths and injuries that result from accidental dwelling fires. The target covers a three year period and runs until March 2006. The performance is measured using a combination of BVPA 143(i) and (ii), namely, the number of deaths arising from accidental fires in dwellings per 100,000 population and number of injuries arising from accidental fires in dwellings per 100,000 population.

ACO Safety Services explained that the Service had made good progress with the average for the first two years of 11.5 per 100,000 being well within the ODPM interim target of 12.5.

Home Safety Checks in high-risk areas is key to the delivery of the LPSA and the Service will continue to work with partner agencies to visit as many of these targeted homes as possible.

A Performance Reward Grant of £900,000 from both agreements will be received if the LPSA Fire Safety target is fully achieved. This grant if received will be ring fenced to be spent within community safety.

7.

Any Other Business

Future of IDB (post election):-

- Review of Terms of Reference
- Sharpen up on scrutiny of performance and address any shortfalls
- Collective ownership of performance needs
- Demonstrate challenge – where do we go from here?

8.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, 14 July 2005 at 1000 hours in the Conference Room at Fire Service HQ subject to FA approval of future programmed dates.