



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting of the held on **20 JULY 2007** at The Council House, Old Market Square, Nottingham 10.00 am to 11.20 am.

Membership

Councillor S Fielding (Chair)
Councillor B Grocock
^ Councillor J Hemsall
Councillor P Henshaw (in attendance from minute 4)
Councillor P Owen

Members absent are marked ^

1 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hemsall.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 April 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

4 MEMBER CHAMPIONS

Further to minute 9 dated 21 July 2006, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which informed members of the revised Member Champion register.

A calendar of events which the Service was to attend to promote community safety was circulated at the meeting.

Since publication of the report, the Clerk to the Authority had been informed of an amendment to membership in that Councillor O’Riordan was to replace Councillor Holt on the Fire and Rescue Authority.

RESOLVED

(1) that the following revised Member Champion list be approved:-

Ashfield District	-	Councillor J Knight
Bassetlaw District	-	Councillor S Fielding
		Councillor J Hempsall
Broxtowe District	-	Councillor P Lally
		Councillor K Rigby
		Councillor P Owen
		Councillor T Pettengell
Nottingham City District	-	Councillor A Foster
		Councillor P Griggs
		Councillor B Grocock
		Councillor H James
		Councillor T Spencer
		Councillor M Wood
Gedling District	-	Councillor D Pulk
		Councillor J O’Riordan
Mansfield District	-	Councillor P Henshaw
Newark & Sherwood District	-	Councillor S Fielding
		Councillor J Hempsall
Rushcliffe District	-	Councillor J Cottee
		Councillor B Cooper

(2) that the revised Member Champions list as approved in (1) above, be forwarded to District Community Safety Advocates who would continue to develop relationships with Member Champions for their areas in order to further the work of creating safer communities in Nottinghamshire.

5 ACCIDENTIAL DWELLING FIRES

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, detailing the progress to date in reducing incidents, casualties and fatalities of accidental dwelling fires since 2001/02.

The report identified smoking materials and matches as accounting for the majority of accidental dwelling fires and noted the Service’s partnership working to reduce smoking and lobbying for the standardised production of self extinguishing, Reduced Ignition Propensity (RIP) cigarettes.

RESOLVED

(1) that the Community Safety initiatives detailed in the report receive continued support and that the Chief Fire Officer submit progress reports to future meetings;

(2) that the Chief Fire Officer and Chair of this Committee submit a report to the full Fire and Rescue Authority recommending that Authority support the RIP

Coalition Campaign for the introduction of product regulation to prevent avoidable suffering from cigarette started fires.

6 MOSAIC GEO-DEMOGRAPHIC SEGMENTATION SYSTEM

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which illustrated how consumer-based demographic data helped enable Community Safety initiatives to be targeted most effectively.

The geo-demographic segmentation system 'Mosaic Public Sector' was operated by a leading information capture and analysis company, Experian.

RESOLVED that the use of the MOSAIC geo-demographic segmentation system as a tool to ensure the Service had a sound evidence-based intelligence led approach to prioritising delivery of Home Safety Checks and other safety initiatives, be welcomed.

7 HOME SAFETY CHECKS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, presenting information gathered from the 27,645 Home Safety Checks delivered in the last 3 years.

The report also informed members of how this information, combined with demographic segmentation information, such as that provided by the MOSAIC system, was utilised to identify those households at highest risk of accidental dwelling fires and in need of fire safety education and assistance.

While 35,211 smoke alarms had been fitted in 20,154 homes, the report proposed to move towards a qualitative rather than quantitative approach to delivering future Home Safety Checks.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;**
- (2) that the achievement of the Service in exceeding the target number of 25,000 Home Safety Checks delivered be commended and staff involved be formally thanked on behalf of the Chair of this Committee;**
- (3) that the new approach to the delivery of Home Safety Checks in establishing qualitative targets be supported.**

8 COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM: FOUR MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

Further to minute 24 dated 20 April 2007, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the activities undertaken by the Community Safety Team during the period January to April 2007.

A total of 139 events were supported by the four groups within the team focusing on road traffic collision reduction, fire reduction, vulnerability and local communities. Feedback regarding the Teams' activities was positive and appreciative.

RESOLVED that the progress of the Community Safety Team be noted and further update reports be submitted.

9 OPERATIONAL ASSURANCE PROGRESS

RESOLVED that the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the progress of operational assurance, be noted.

10 FUTURE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED that the following cycle of meetings for this Committee commencing at 10am be noted:-

2007

19 October

2008

**18 January
11 April**

11 THANKS

It was announced that, in line with the planned rotation of posts, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Neil Colton, would become Area Manager (Risk Response) North, and Martin Smart was to replace Mr Colton as Assistant Chief Fire Officer.

RESOLVED that the Committees thanks to Assistant Chief Fire Officer Neil Colton for his hard work during his involvement with the Committee, be recorded.