

## report

meeting	<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>	
date	<b>7 September 2007</b>	agenda item number

### REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

#### COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

##### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report on the business and actions of the Community Safety Committee meeting of 20 July 2007 to Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority.

##### 2. BACKGROUND

As part of the revised Governance arrangements the Authority have delegated key responsibilities for Community Safety to the Community Safety Committee. As part of those delegated responsibilities the Chair of the Community Safety Committee and the Management lead report to the Authority on its business and actions as agreed at Fire & Rescue Authority meeting 1 June 2007.

##### 3. REPORT

3.1 The minutes of the meeting are attached to this report at Appendix A. The following summarises the main points of the papers discussed at the meeting.

3.2 Member Champions paper revised the existing list detailing in which area Authority Members would act as Champions, these changes now reflect the current membership of the Authority.

3.3 Accidental Dwelling Fire paper informed the Committee that the Service was still making good progress in reducing the number of accidental dwelling fires with a 5.3% reduction in 2006/07, casualties from accidental dwelling fires showed an increase of 15.2%, although the actual figure of 83 was the second lowest outcome in the past 16-years, with the long term trend showing a fall of 43% over the past 5-years. Fatalities from accidental dwelling fires remained unchanged, 6 deaths, from the previous year with the long term trend remaining constant. Members were also updated as to the Service's progress against the Communities and Local Government (CLG) target of reducing deaths in accidental fires by 20% by 2010, currently the Service is performing well, over 40% below the threshold. The Committee were also informed of the steps being taken to improve the Service's performance further with Members taking particular interest in Reduced Ignition Propensity (RIP) cigarettes and the research that suggests that through the introduction of RIP cigarettes significant numbers of avoidable deaths could be saved. Committee Members have asked that a report be brought to the Authority for consideration.

- 3.4 Mosaic Geo-demographic Segmentation System paper informed the Committee of the introduction of Mosaic and its use in the public sector. Members were informed on how the Service's Geographic Information System (GIS) is being combined with Mosaic data and historic fire data to identify vulnerable groups and key target groups.
- 3.5 Home Safety Checks (HSCs) paper set out the Service's progress in delivering the Authority's target of 25,000 HSCs and that the Service had delivered 27,645 HSCs, when visiting 20,154 homes and fitting 35,211 smoke alarms over the last 3 years. Members were further informed of the research that has been undertaken using Mosaic, historic fire data and GIS to identify key groups and the need to move to a more qualitative approach to the delivery of HSCs.
- 3.6 Community Safety Team paper set out the progress of this team, which included the team profiles covering the Road Traffic Collision Reduction team, Fire Reduction team, Vulnerability team and Local Communities team. The team has supported 139 events including the Bendigo programme, Caring for Carers initiative and a young drivers and riders' road safety forum.
- 3.7 Operational Assurance Progress paper informed the Committee of the structural changes that have taken place to enhance the Service's key areas of service delivery and safety. These changes have taken place within Response and will come under the responsibility of the Area Manager Operational Support.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All financial implications were considered as part of the original reports submitted to the Community Safety Committee.

#### **5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

All personnel implications were considered as part of the original reports submitted to the Community Safety Committee.

#### **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

An equality impact assessment has not been specifically carried out in relation to this report. There are no additional implications for Members to consider as a result of this progress report.

#### **7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Community Safety Committee ensures through its meetings that the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service continues to progress towards its vision of "a safer Nottinghamshire by putting safety at the heart of the community." This is in line with government expectations and encourages positive audit results through Comprehensive Performance Assessment and other audits.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the minutes of all future meetings of the Community Safety Committee continue to be bought to Fire and Rescue Authority to ensure Members remain informed of key decisions made.

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)**

None.

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