

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority

POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

Report of the Chair of the Policy & Strategy Committee

Agenda No:

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Purpose of Report:

To report the business and actions of the Policy & Strategy Committee meeting of 9 November 2007 to Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority.

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1. BACKGROUND

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

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The unconfirmed minutes of the meetings are attached to this report at Appendix A. The following summarises the main points of the papers discussed at each meeting.
- 2.2 A report on the Budget Outlook 2008/09 was noted and management were given the go ahead to develop a budget within the constraints set out in the report.
- 2.3 A representative from Local Government East Midlands (LGEM) gave a presentation on Members' Charter Status and how this would be achieved within the Authority over the next year. Commencement of the work towards attaining this status was approved, and a further report detailing specifics would be presented at the next Policy & Strategy Committee meeting in February 2008.
- 2.4 Members Attendance was reported on in the Governance Monitoring report, improvements and continuity achieved following the introduction of the revised governance structure was highlighted. Continued commitment of Members and Officer to the process was endorsed by the Chair of the Committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All of the reports considered by Policy & Strategy Committee on 9 November 2007 were finance related. However, there were no significant financial implications arising from those reports.

4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

All personnel implications were considered as part of the original reports submitted to the Policy & Strategy Committee.

5. 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.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Service's performance in relation to matters addressed through Policy & Strategy Committee is scrutinised through a range of audit processes. The Service needs to continue to perform well in these areas as external scrutiny through Comprehensive Performance Assessment and auditors' judgement is key to future Service delivery.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None.

Councillor Darrell Pulk
CHAIR OF POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE