



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**  
**Fire & Rescue Service**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham  
Fire and Rescue Authority

# COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

Report of the Chair of the Community Safety Committee

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**Agenda No:**

**Date:** 22 February 2008

**Purpose of Report:**

To report to Members on the business and actions of the Community Safety Committee meeting of 18 January 2008.

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

As part of the revised Governance arrangements the Authority has 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 and Rescue Authority meeting 1 June 2007.

## **2. REPORT**

- 2.1 The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting are attached to this report at Appendix B. The following summarises the main points of the papers discussed at the meeting.
- 2.2 Local Public Service Agreement; Performance Reward Grant – Members received a report detailing the current and proposed spend of the performance reward grant. Since receiving the award for meeting agreed stretched targets, some of the money has been committed the avoidable injuries initiative in the City and the provision of safety equipment in the County. It was proposed and accepted that Members should receive details of future spending commitments made following the current negotiations taking place around Local Area Agreements.
- 2.3 Flooding Arrangements – this paper covered some aspects of the flooding incidents attended by the Service in the summer. In particular it focused on the debrief lessons and the interagency arrangements being made. Members were made aware of the role that the Service had played locally and nationally and were concerned that the Service has no strict statutory arrangements for flooding. Members considered that this would be a matter that they would like to raise as an issue for consideration with central government.
- 2.4 Proposed Community Safety Evaluations for 2008/09 – following a paper presented to the previous Community Safety Committee which detailed how the Service would evaluate its community safety activities, this paper proposed the key areas for evaluation for the forthcoming year. Members requested that the grant outlined in Paragraph 2.2 above be considered for funding public transport costs to organised community safety events.
- 2.5 Automatic Fire Alarms – Members were made aware of the current performance against set targets for the reduction of unwanted fire signals from automated fire detection systems. Although the Service is performing well against the set targets, consideration is being given to the effectiveness of the existing strategies along with the role of the Fire Technical Advisors post which is currently vacant. Members agreed to receive a further report on progress by the July meeting.

- 2.6 Shift Change Pilot; Self Rostering Arrangements – this report was submitted to give Members an appreciation of the self rostering pilot being undertaken at West Bridgford and Newark fire stations. Members were made aware of the improvements brought about by the change of shift patterns undertaken in 2007 and some of the aspects of work which still need to be improved, such as continuity of community safety work. Members agreed to receive further updates as the pilot scheme progresses.
- 2.7 Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarettes (RIP) Update – this report allowed Members to consider the current position with regard to RIP cigarettes. It was noted that the EU member states endorsed the drawing up of a Pan European standard for these cigarettes. Members considered the Authority's previous stance on championing this matter and welcomed the progress that had been made and the likely reduction in fire related deaths that it will bring.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

An equality impact assessment has been undertaken and concludes that there are no implications arising from this report. The initial equality impact assessment is given as Appendix A to this report.

### **6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

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

There are no additional risk management issues arising from this report other than those specifically reported to the Committee as part of the reports under consideration.

### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members note the contents of this report and the business undertaken by Community Safety Committee.

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

None.

Councillor Sybil Fielding  
**CHAIR OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

## INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

<i>Section</i> Risk Response/ Reduction	<i>Manager</i> Martin Smart	Date of Assessment January 2008	New or Existing N/A
Name of Report to be assessed		Community Safety Committee Outcomes	
1. Briefly describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the report.		To inform the Fire and Rescue Authority of the business of the Community Safety Committee from its meeting on 18 January 2008.	
2. Who is intended to benefit from this report and what are the outcomes?		The Fire and Rescue Authority require a report on the business of its Committees on a regular basis.	
3. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the report?		Fire and Rescue Authority	
4. Who implements and who is responsible for the report?		Implementation of any actions arising is the responsibility of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer in charge of Risk Response and Risk Reduction respectively.	

4. Please identify the differential impact in the terms of the six strands below. Please tick yes if you have identified any differential impacts. Please state evidence of negative or positive impacts below.

<i>STRAND</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<i>NEGATIVE IMPACT</i>	<i>POSITIVE IMPACT</i>
Race		<b>X</b>		
Gender		<b>X</b>		
Disability		<b>X</b>		
Religion or Belief		<b>X</b>		
Sexuality		<b>X</b>		
Age		<b>X</b>		

6. Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group?	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	7. Should the policy/service proceed to a full impact assessment?	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>

**I am satisfied that this policy has been successfully impact assessed. I understand the impact assessment of this policy is a statutory obligation and that, as owners of this policy, we take responsibility for the completion and quality of this process.**

Signed (completing person)... ..Martin Smart.....

Date ...January 2008 .....



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

**COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

of the meeting held on **18 JANUARY 2008** at The Council House, Old Market Square, Nottingham, from 10.00 am to 11.06 am.

**Membership**

Councillor S Fielding (Chair)  
Councillor B Grocock  
Councillor J Hemsall  
Councillor P Henshaw  
Councillor P Owen

Members absent are marked ^

**20 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 October 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**22 LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (LPSA): PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT - UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

During discussion members commented that, whilst it was encouraging to note that the LPSA would link to Local Area Agreements and with Neighbourhood Management, there must be systems in place to ensure no duplication of work by partners.

## RESOLVED

- (1) that the report and the commitments given by the Service for utilising the Performance Reward Grants, as outlined in the report, be noted;
- (2) that future proposals for allocation of the funds received be submitted to this Committee as appropriate.

## 23 FLOODING ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, highlighting the current activities being undertaken by the Service in preparation for a major flooding event.

## RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that members of the Fire Authority lobby Ministers to ensure that the Service nationally became the lead body for flooding;
- (3) that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to submit to members information regarding emergency plans in place, including arrangements for assistance for Parishes, in the event of a flood.

## 24 PROPOSED COMMUNITY SAFETY EVALUATIONS FOR 2008-09

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, outlining the following proposed activity evaluations to be undertaken during 2008-09:-

- **Risk Watch Programme** - Including coverage, delivery quality and outcomes;
- **Home Safety Checks** - including an assessment of delivery quality and outcomes;
- **Bendigo Project** - an evaluation of outcomes against the objectives of the project, including an assessment of any additional benefits;
- **Safety Zone** - an evaluation of the educational quality at the event regarding the Service's involvement;
- **Fire Setters** - an evaluation of the programme and its effect on reducing re-offending fire setters.

## RESOLVED

- (1) that the 5 areas listed above be endorsed for evaluation during 2008-09, and the Chief Fire Officer be requested to submit progress reports to this Committee as appropriate;
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to investigate utilising funds received from the Performance Reward Grants, towards local public events, for use on transport costs.



**25 AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on performance against Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) targets to reduce unwanted fire signals from Automatic Fire Detection and Alarm Systems.

It was reported that, during the period April to September 2007, the following was attained:-

BVPI 149i	Automatic fire alarms per 1,000 non-domestic properties	Qtr 1 Qtr 2	95.3% 95.7%
BVPI 149ii	Non-domestic properties with more than 1 false alarm	Qtr 1 Qtr 2	96.7% 95.7%
BVPI 149iii	Calls to non-domestic properties with more than 1 false alarm	Qtr 1 Qtr 2	122.7% 103.3%

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the reviews of the Technical Advisor post and the strategies for dealing with automatic fire alarms, as detailed in the report, be supported;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to submit progress reports on the reviews in resolution (1) above to the July meeting of this Committee.**

**26 SHIFT CHANGE PILOT - SELF ROSTERING ARRANGEMENTS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the Shift Change pilot scheme, including 'self rostering', introduced at Newark and West Bridgford Stations and within the Specialist Rescue Team.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to submit a progress report to the April meeting of this Committee;**
- (2) that the report be noted.**

**27 REDUCED IGNITION PROPENSITY CIGARETTES - UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of national and international progress towards introduction of a European Standard for Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarettes (safer, self extinguishing cigarettes).

**RESOLVED that the report be noted, and that this Committee continued to support the Service's campaign to introduce safer cigarettes in the UK.**