



**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:** 19 December 2008

**Purpose of Report:**

To report to Members on the business and actions of the Community Safety Committee meeting of 31 October 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 minutes of the Community Safety Committee held on Friday 31 October 2008 are attached to this report at Appendix B. The following summarises the main points of the papers discussed at the meeting.
- 2.2 Consideration was given to a report informing Members of management's actions with regard to a review of the retained service and delivering a long term strategy to ensure its resilience and availability. The approach to the review of the retained service was noted, but it was also resolved that Members should contribute to the process as necessary.
- 2.3 Partnership management provided the focus of an additional report presented to Members, which updated the Committee on Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's new approach to management of partnership engagement and in particular, Local Area Agreements (LAAs), Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs). It was noted that the Human Resources Committee (at its meeting on 10 October 2008) had approved the establishment of a Partnership Manager post, the creation of two secondment opportunities with the City and County Councils to work on partnership matters and an additional temporary post to support the Risk Manager with regard to the risk management of the LAA agenda within both the City and County. The Community Safety Committee requested that quarterly update reports be submitted to the Committee with regard to partnership working.
- 2.4 The Committee were also asked to consider an update on the activity and effectiveness of the youth intervention programme, Bendigo. Members welcomed the positive feedback from the programme and praised the success of this exemplary prevention work. It was resolved that there should be continued support for the provision of youth intervention programmes, such as Bendigo, as part of the contribution towards the Fire and Rescue Service Strategy for children and young people to deliver effective reduction of fire risk and fire crime.
- 2.5 Following on from its April meeting, the Community Safety Committee was also in receipt of an update on RiskWatch resources. To tie in with presentation of the report, copies of the "Make Time for Safety" educational activity pack were circulated and Members were shown part of a preventative action DVD, "Could You Live With It?". Members commented on the

powerful images of the DVD interview and reconstruction and welcomed the development of both educational aids in preventative work. It was resolved that the report be noted and that the development and improvement of educational resources be endorsed and continue to be supported.

- 2.6 A further report presented to the Committee was regarding the Pub Watch Campaign, its progress and evaluation, and it was recommended that Members continue to endorse initiatives such as this, which reduce the risk of fire within vulnerable groups of the community. This was endorsed and it was further resolved that a report be provided to the next meeting of the Committee with regard to the uptake of home safety checks by the vulnerable groups identified.
- 2.7 For the remaining report the Committee were asked to consider exclusion of the public from the meeting during consideration of this item. This was agreed and the Committee were presented with a report providing an update on the Fire Protection structure. In line with the recommendation in the report, the Committee endorsed the departmental re-alignment of resources, and also additionally resolved that a further report be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time to provide an update.

### **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 human resources and learning and development 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. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **8. 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.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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

None.

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

## INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

<i>Section</i>	<i>Manager</i>	<i>Date of Assessment</i>	<i>New or Existing</i>
<b>Risk Response/ Reduction</b>	<b>ACFO Buckley</b>	<b>November 2008</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Name of Report to be assessed</b>	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)... ..ACFO Buckley.....

Date ...November 2008 .....



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

**COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

of the meeting held on **31 OCTOBER 2008** at the Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottingham, from 10.00 am to 11.14 am.

**Membership**

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

Members absent are marked ^

**5 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hemsall.

**6 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**7 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 July 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**8 RETAINED STRATEGY REVIEW**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated. The report informed members of management's actions in regard to

a review of the retained service and delivering a long term strategy to ensure its resilience and availability.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the approach to the review of the retained service by management be noted;**
- (2) that members contribute to the process as necessary.**

## **9 PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the Service's new approach to management of partnership engagement.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that quarterly update reports be submitted to this Committee in regard to partnership working.**

## **10 EVALUATION OF YOUTH INTERVENTION: BENDIGO**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the activities and effectiveness of the Bendigo youth intervention programme.

Members welcomed the positive feedback from the programme and praised the success of this exemplary prevention work.

**RESOLVED that the provision of youth intervention programmes, such as Bendigo, as part of the contribution towards the Fire and Rescue Service Strategy for Children and Young People to deliver effective reduction of fire risk and fire crime, continue to be supported.**

## **11 RISKWATCH RESOURCES UPDATE**

Further to minute 33 dated 15 April 2008, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the development of new resources within the Riskwatch Programme which was delivered in primary and secondary schools.

To accompany the report copies of the 'Make Time for Safety' educational activity pack aimed at 7-9 year old children was circulated and received the praise of members.

The Committee was also shown part of a preventative action DVD aimed at 11-14 year olds called 'Could You Live With It?' in which a young person and his family recalled how he was left seriously injured following 'A Game Gone Wrong'. The



DVD had been funded in partnership with the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service.

Members commented on the powerful images of the DVD interview and reconstruction and welcomed the development of both educational aids in preventative work.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the development and improvement of educational resources be endorsed and continue to be supported.**

## **12 PUB WATCH CAMPAIGN – VALUE AND BENEFIT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the partnership work undertaken with Pub Watch to reduce the risk of fire within vulnerable groups in the community as identified through nationally collated incident figures.

The campaign included the distribution of beer mats and posters at licensed premises to alert customers to the vulnerable groups identified as being at greatest risk of injury caused by fire following consumption of alcohol. The distributed information promoted free Home Safety Checks including free installation of fire alarms.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that initiatives, such as the Pub Watch campaign, which reduced the risk of fire within vulnerable groups within the community, be endorsed;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer submit an update report to the next meeting of this Committee in regard to the uptake of Home Safety Checks by the vulnerable groups identified.**

## **13 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item as it contained information relating to:-**

- individuals and was likely to reveal the identity of those individuals and,**
- the financial and business affairs of particular individuals and the Authority,**

**and, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A, Part 1 to the Act.**

#### **14 FIRE PROTECTION STRUCTURE**

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

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the departmental re-alignment of resources, as outlined in the report, be endorsed;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer submit an update report to this Committee in 12 months time.**

FOR NOTING