



**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

**Agenda No:**

**Date:** 04 September 2009

**Purpose of Report:**

To report to Members on the business and actions of the Community Safety Committee meeting of Friday 17 July 2009.

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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 17 July 2009 are attached to this report at Appendix A. The following summarises the main points discussed at the meeting.
- 2.2 The Committee had previously requested at their meeting on 17 April 2009 that they would like information regarding the activity being undertaken to address the ongoing high level of unwanted fire signals (automatic fire alarms) responded to by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service. The focus of the meeting therefore, and the one report presented, was around unwanted fire signals. In addition to the main report considered by the Committee, a report recently considered by the Corporate Management Board was attached as an appendix, which sought to implement a new policy relating to unwanted fire signals, which incorporates a call challenge approach from Fire Control and new methods of managing and reducing this impact on service delivery.
- 2.3 Whilst Members noted the activity being undertaken to improve performance in the area of unwanted fire signals, they also endorsed the implementation of the new policy and process outlined, and the ongoing commitment of the Service to improve its performance in this area.

## **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 initial equality impact assessment has identified no specific aspects relating to a disproportionate effect in respect of the key equality strands.

## **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 John Hempsall  
**CHAIR OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**



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**MINUTES**

of the meeting held on **17 JULY 2009** at the Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, from 10.00 am to 11.08 am.

**Membership**

- ^ Councillor J Hemsall (Chair)  
Councillor B Cooper (substitute for Councillor Hemsall)  
Councillor S Fielding  
Councillor B Grocock  
Councillor K Longdon  
Councillor L Sykes

Members absent are marked ^

**1 CHAIR**

In the absence of Councillor Hemsall, Councillor Cooper was appointed Chair for the meeting.

**2 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hemsall.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**4 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 3 April 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair presiding at the meeting.

## **5 UNWANTED FIRE SIGNALS**

Prior to consideration of this item, members expressed concern that the only report on the agenda had already been presented to, and been considered by, members of the Performance Monitoring Committee, and therefore they felt that there was little value or efficiency in their considering the same report which would be better presented once at the full Fire and Rescue Authority meeting.

Officers agreed with members that although the report had been specifically requested by the Committee, other methods of informing Fire and Rescue Authority members could be applied and this would be considered in future.

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing the Committee of the work undertaken to reduce the number of unwanted fire signals responded to by the Service.

In addition, there was a PowerPoint presentation which was appended to the on-line agenda following the meeting.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted and the on-going commitment to improve Service Performance endorsed.**

## **6 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED that the dates of future meetings at 10.00am on the following Fridays, be noted:**

**16 October 2009**

**15 January 2010**

**16 April 2010.**