

## report

meeting	<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>	
	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE</b>	
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### REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

#### COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAMME REVIEW

##### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members regarding progress associated with pro-active programmes and intervention strategies in place within Safety Services.

##### 2. BACKGROUND

Within Safety Services, an Area Manager is the Head of Prevention and Protection (incorporating Community Safety and Fire Safety). This encompasses significant pro-active intelligence led strategies to manage Community Risk and address avoidable injury. Additionally, the Head of Community Safety manages with the team a suite of actions and interventions to deal with the many and varied issues faced by the Service in meeting the Authority's strategic priorities.

##### 3. REPORT

3.1 The review attached as Appendix A to this report gives a detailed overview of the preventative work undertaken by the Service covering the period from April 2005 to March 2006, and sets out a strategic overview covering the service delivery structure within Safety Services and the Service's strategy for achieving the Fire & Rescue Authority's aim of 'Creating Safer Communities'.

3.2 The report additionally outlines the Service's key delivery areas, namely :

- Safer Homes ;
- Risk Watch ;
- Young People ;
- Fire Investigation & Arson Reduction ;
- Community Engagement.

Within each of these areas the report sets out clearly 'what we said we would do', 'what did we achieve', and finally 'how we performed'.

3.3 Key achievements that would be of interest to Members are :

- A total of 17,650 Home Safety Checks were undertaken during 05-06 with 12,547 smoke alarms being fitted.

- Members of the community have been identified who are hard of hearing and 97 deaf smoke alarms have been fitted.
- Having worked with partners to introduce the First Contact Signposting Scheme, that provides a single gateway to older people accessing a wide range of services, helping them to remain safe and independent. This has resulted in over 205 checklists being completed and 486 referrals to agencies including the Police, Social Services, housing agencies and the Fire and Rescue Service.
- Working with Surestart the Service has visited 372 homes of young families and fitted 325 smoke alarms, 188 fire guards, 530 stair gates and various other safety aids.
- Risk Watch continues to be introduced to schools across the county, currently around 50% of all schools targeted are delivering the Risk Watch programme as part of the curriculum.
- Staff from across the Service who deliver the Fire Setter programme worked with 160 children and young people to alter their behaviour.
- Prince's Trust TEAM programme worked with 81 young people with the result that 60% gained employment and 30% returned to education or training programmes.
- In November 2005 the Community Safety Team held a multi-agency conference focusing on sharing information and a multi-agency approach to protecting those who are most vulnerable within our communities. The Service now works with partners to design protocols for sharing sensitive information that will help to ensure that all partners can provide a better service to those people who are at most risk.
- Road Traffic Collision Awareness days were held across the county with 355 16-17 year olds who could be potential drivers within the coming year attending and over 4,000 11-20 year olds attending Impact Roadshow presentations.

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

The report is of course retrospective, however the continuance of the actions contained within the report has been costed and accepted by the Fire & Rescue Authority. No additional implications are therefore identified.

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

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

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

An initial impact assessment has revealed that no specific equalities issues are associated with this report.

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

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members note the contents of this report.

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION**

None.

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