



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting of the held on **19 JANUARY 2007** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 10.00 am to 10.55 am.

Membership

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

Members absent are marked ^

16 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Owen who was on County Council business.

17 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 October 2006, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair;

(b) Primary Vehicle Fires

RESOLVED that further to minute 13(3), it be noted that an update on vehicle fires had been incorporated into agenda item 5, Arson Reduction Team.

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

19 FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which outlined the role of the Fire Investigation Team and provided an overview of the team's activities during the period 1 January to 19 December 2006, when 100 investigations were undertaken, resulting in more than 200 arrests and 34 years of imprisonment for arson offences.

A fatal fire analysis, prepared in conjunction with members of the Arson Task Force, had helped identify those most at risk and had resulted in a total of seven multi-agency meetings with positive outcomes.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that copies of the Memorandum of Understanding which existed between Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, the Nottinghamshire Police and Scenes of Crimes Officers, and provided a guaranteed response on request on either party, be forwarded to Members of this Committee.**

20 ARSON REDUCTION TEAM

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which informed Members of the work continued from the Arson Task Force. Since 2003 there had been a substantial reduction in arson and further measures, including a proposed Youth Issues Co-ordinator, were identified to further aid this reduction.

The figures for the year so far also illustrated a continued reduction. However, an exceptionally dry summer had resulted in an increase in secondary fires.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

21 COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY 2007-10

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which presented Members with the Community Risk Reduction Strategy 2007-10. The Strategy focused on Safer Homes, RiskWatch, Young People, Road Safety Partnership, Reducing Deliberate Fires and Raising Awareness through Campaigns and Consultation.

RESOLVED

- (1) that this Committee recommend to the Fire and Rescue Authority that the Community Risk Reduction Strategy 2007-10 be formally adopted;**
- (2) that the work of all officers in compiling and delivering the Community Risk Reduction Strategy, be commended.**