



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting of the held on **20 APRIL 2007** at County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham from 10.02 am to 11.15 am.

Membership

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

Members absent are marked ^

22 MINUTES

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

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

24 REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED that the revised terms of reference for this Committee, copies of which had been circulated, as agreed at the meeting of the full Fire and Rescue Authority held on 23 February 2007, be noted.

25 FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM

Further to minute 19, dated 19 January 2007, Lead Fire Investigation Officer, Mr A Bettison, gave a detailed presentation (which was accompanied by a handout) of the work undertaken by the Fire Investigation Team, often in partnership with the Police, which covered the following areas:-

- Regional Memorandum of Understanding;
- Training and Powers, Duties and Constraints;
- Coroner's Court Representation.

Members expressed concern that no formally recognised national qualifications were available in Fire Investigation, which resulted in a difference of expectations and variation in depth of reporting across the regions' Services.

RESOLVED

- (1) that Mr Bettison be thanked for his thorough and informative presentation;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer inform the Lead Chief Fire Officer responsible nationally for Fire Investigation, of the training structures and processes established by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service specifically relevant to Fire Investigation, and propose that this model of training be considered for all Fire and Rescue Services nationally;**
- (3) that the response to recommendation (2) be submitted to this Committee.**

26 ENHANCED COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITY AS A RESULT OF SHIFT CHANGE

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which informed members of the additional community safety and intervention activities which were possible following the change in shift patterns.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer submit a report to this Committee twice yearly regarding the community safety and intervention activities undertaken.**

27 COMMUNITY SAFETY RISK REDUCTION STRUCTURE

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which presented the Committee with the Community Risk Reduction Structure and detailed the responsibilities of teams within the Service.

RESOLVED that the Community Safety Risk Reduction Structure, as follows and further detailed in the report, be approved:-

- **Strategy and Development to be undertaken by the Research and Development Team and the Fire Investigation/Arson Reduction Team;**
- **Support and Facilitation to be undertaken by the Risk Reduction Team and District Advocates;**

- **Delivery to be undertaken by District Teams and Partnerships through response.**

28 BEACON PARTNER STATUS

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which informed the Committee of the Beacon Partner Status awarded to the partnership of the County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council for emergency planning.

RESOLVED that the contribution made by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service to the Emergency Planning Forum be acknowledged.

29 COMMUNITY SAFETY YEAR END REVIEW

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which summarised activities and achievements during the year in relation to community safety and reduction of avoidable injuries and deliberate fires.

The following subjects were included in the report:-

- Risk Watch;
- Risk Reduction Team;
- Prince's Trust;
- Bendigo;
- Community Safety Advocates;
- Impact Roadshow;
- STOP (Start Thinking of Other People);
- Firesetters.

Members suggested that the achievements, as detailed in the report, be publicised to reassure the public and further promote preventative measures.

Representatives of the Fire Brigades Union asked questions regarding this item, to which verbal responses were given.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and community safety initiatives receive continued support.

30 FUTURE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED that the future provisional dates of meetings, as follows, be noted:-

20 July and 19 October 2007, 18 January and 11 April 2008.