

report

meeting	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY	
	COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE	
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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

MEMBER CHAMPIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Member Champion register following the Annual General Meeting of the Fire & Rescue Authority meeting held on 1 June 2007.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 As part of its revised Governance arrangements and as part of the initiative to improve relationships Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire & Rescue Authority Member Champions were established in July 2006.

§ To foster engagement between local communities and the Service ;

§ To act as an advocate for the Authority, promoting effective communication and positive working relationships with local Councils and amongst partners, stakeholders and community groups ;

§ As a source of community intelligence and feedback to the Authority ;

§ To promote the positive work that is undertaken by the Authority ;

§ To provide positive support to Officers in driving forward the Authority's agenda in the community.

2.2 The establishment of Member Champions, in representing communities, is seen as an opportunity for both Member/Officer development, improved decision making and highlighting ways in which the Service aims to improve safety and well-being of the communities it serves. This role also allows Members the opportunity to further promote and support the work of the Authority.

3. REPORT

3.1 Following the appointment of a number of new Members to the Fire Authority it is important to review and update the Member Champion list to reflect the current membership of the Authority. Detailed below is a revised list for Community Safety Committee to consider:-

§ Ashfield District	-	Councillor J Knight
§ Bassetlaw District	-	Councillor S Fielding
		Councillor J Hemsall
§ Broxtowe District	-	Councillor P Lally
		Councillor K Rigby
		Councillor P Owen
		Councillor T Pettengell
§ Nottingham City District	-	Councillor A Foster
		Councillor P Griggs
		Councillor B Grocock
		Councillor H James
		Councillor T Spencer
		Councillor M Wood
§ Gedling District	-	Councillor D Pulk
§ Mansfield District	-	Councillor P Henshaw
		Councillor H Holt
§ Newark & Sherwood District	-	Councillor S Fielding
		Councillor J Hemsall
§ Rushcliffe District	-	Councillor J Cottee
		Councillor B Cooper

3.2 The proposal is that following consideration by the Community Safety Committee if approved the list will be forwarded to district Community Safety Advocates who will continue to develop relationships with Member Champions for their areas in order to continue the work of creating safer communities in Nottinghamshire.

3.3 Ongoing liaison through the Chair of the Community Safety Committee and Officers within Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service will ensure that Member Champions remain informed as to activities and initiatives being undertaken within districts and communities. It is proposed that updates and reports are fed into Community Safety Committee on a regular basis.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional financial implications have been identified which cannot be accommodated within current budgets.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A full equality impact assessment has not been undertaken with regard to this report. An initial impact assessment has revealed no specific equalities issues.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

By acting as “champions” for the Fire & Rescue Service, Members will ensure that the Service’s priorities are concurrent with those of the local community. This will ensure that opportunities to improve Community Safety are not missed.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members approve the updated Member Champion list.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None.

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