



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting held on **18 JANUARY 2008** at The Council House, Old Market Square, Nottingham, from 10.00 am to 11.06 am.

Membership

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

Members absent are marked ^

20 MINUTES

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

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

22 LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (LPSA): PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated.

During discussion members commented that, whilst it was encouraging to note that the LPSA would link to Local Area Agreements and with Neighbourhood Management, there must be systems in place to ensure no duplication of work by partners.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report and the commitments given by the Service for utilising the Performance Reward Grants, as outlined in the report, be noted;
- (2) that future proposals for allocation of the funds received be submitted to this Committee as appropriate.

23 FLOODING ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, highlighting the current activities being undertaken by the Service in preparation for a major flooding event.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that members of the Fire Authority lobby Ministers to ensure that the Service nationally became the lead body for flooding;
- (3) that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to submit to members information regarding emergency plans in place, including arrangements for assistance for Parishes, in the event of a flood.

24 PROPOSED COMMUNITY SAFETY EVALUATIONS FOR 2008-09

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, outlining the following proposed activity evaluations to be undertaken during 2008-09:-

- **Risk Watch Programme** - Including coverage, delivery quality and outcomes;
- **Home Safety Checks** - including an assessment of delivery quality and outcomes;
- **Bendigo Project** - an evaluation of outcomes against the objectives of the project, including an assessment of any additional benefits;
- **Safety Zone** - an evaluation of the educational quality at the event regarding the Service's involvement;
- **Fire Setters** - an evaluation of the programme and its effect on reducing re-offending fire setters.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the 5 areas listed above be endorsed for evaluation during 2008-09, and the Chief Fire Officer be requested to submit progress reports to this Committee as appropriate;
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to investigate utilising funds received from the Performance Reward Grants, towards local public events, for use on transport costs.

25 AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on performance against Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) targets to reduce unwanted fire signals from Automatic Fire Detection and Alarm Systems.

It was reported that, during the period April to September 2007, the following was attained:-

BVPI 149i	Automatic fire alarms per 1,000 non-domestic properties	Qtr 1 Qtr 2	95.3% 95.7%
BVPI 149ii	Non-domestic properties with more than 1 false alarm	Qtr 1 Qtr 2	96.7% 95.7%
BVPI 149iii	Calls to non-domestic properties with more than 1 false alarm	Qtr 1 Qtr 2	122.7% 103.3%

RESOLVED

- (1) that the reviews of the Technical Advisor post and the strategies for dealing with automatic fire alarms, as detailed in the report, be supported;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to submit progress reports on the reviews in resolution (1) above to the July meeting of this Committee.**

26 SHIFT CHANGE PILOT - SELF ROSTERING ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the Shift Change pilot scheme, including 'self rostering', introduced at Newark and West Bridgford Stations and within the Specialist Rescue Team.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Chief Fire Officer be requested to submit a progress report to the April meeting of this Committee;**
- (2) that the report be noted.**

27 REDUCED IGNITION PROPENSITY CIGARETTES - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of national and international progress towards introduction of a European Standard for Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarettes (safer, self extinguishing cigarettes).

RESOLVED that the report be noted, and that this Committee continued to support the Service's campaign to introduce safer cigarettes in the UK.