



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

**COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

of the meeting held on **31 OCTOBER 2008** at the Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottingham, from 10.00 am to 11.14 am.

**Membership**

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

Members absent are marked ^

**5 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hemsall.

**6 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**7 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 July 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**8 RETAINED STRATEGY REVIEW**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated. The report informed members of management's actions in regard to a review of the retained service and delivering a long term strategy to ensure its resilience and availability.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the approach to the review of the retained service by management be noted;**
- (2) that members contribute to the process as necessary.**

## **9 PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the Service's new approach to management of partnership engagement.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that quarterly update reports be submitted to this Committee in regard to partnership working.**

## **10 EVALUATION OF YOUTH INTERVENTION: BENDIGO**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the activities and effectiveness of the Bendigo youth intervention programme.

Members welcomed the positive feedback from the programme and praised the success of this exemplary prevention work.

**RESOLVED that the provision of youth intervention programmes, such as Bendigo, as part of the contribution towards the Fire and Rescue Service Strategy for Children and Young People to deliver effective reduction of fire risk and fire crime, continue to be supported.**

## **11 RISKWATCH RESOURCES UPDATE**

Further to minute 33 dated 15 April 2008, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the development of new resources within the Riskwatch Programme which was delivered in primary and secondary schools.

To accompany the report copies of the 'Make Time for Safety' educational activity pack aimed at 7-9 year old children was circulated and received the praise of members.

The Committee was also shown part of a preventative action DVD aimed at 11-14 year olds called 'Could You Live With It?' in which a young person and his family recalled how he was left seriously injured following 'A Game Gone Wrong'. The DVD had been funded in partnership with the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service.

Members commented on the powerful images of the DVD interview and reconstruction and welcomed the development of both educational aids in preventative work.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the development and improvement of educational resources be endorsed and continue to be supported.**

## **12 PUB WATCH CAMPAIGN – VALUE AND BENEFIT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the partnership work undertaken with Pub Watch to reduce the risk of fire within vulnerable groups in the community as identified through nationally collated incident figures.

The campaign included the distribution of beer mats and posters at licensed premises to alert customers to the vulnerable groups identified as being at greatest risk of injury caused by fire following consumption of alcohol. The distributed information promoted free Home Safety Checks including free installation of fire alarms.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that initiatives, such as the Pub Watch campaign, which reduced the risk of fire within vulnerable groups within the community, be endorsed;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer submit an update report to the next meeting of this Committee in regard to the uptake of Home Safety Checks by the vulnerable groups identified.**

## **13 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item as it contained information relating to:-**

- individuals and was likely to reveal the identity of those individuals and,**
- the financial and business affairs of particular individuals and the Authority,**

**and, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A, Part 1 to the Act.**

## **14 FIRE PROTECTION STRUCTURE**

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

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the departmental re-alignment of resources, as outlined in the report, be endorsed;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer submit an update report to this Committee in 12 months time.**