

# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

of meeting held on <u>16 OCTOBER 2009</u> at the Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, from 10.00 am to 10.40 am.

# <u>Membership</u>

Councillor J Hempsall (Chair)

Councillor B Cooper
Councillor S Fielding
Councillor B Grocock
Councillor K Longdon

Members absent are marked ^

## 7 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Cooper.

## 8 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

#### 9 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 July 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## 10 ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing the Committee of the work being undertaken by the Service in relation to road traffic awareness activities. Assistant Chief Fire Officer, David Horton, explained to members the new resource 'Danger Zone' which enabled year 10 students to hear from

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serving firefighters who dealt with real life traffic collisions; the main messages of the resource were the importance of wearing a seatbelt, the ways they could influence their own safety while travelling as a passenger in a dangerously driven car and recognising the consequences of pedestrians and drivers being distracted by mobile phones and ipods.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted and the continued work of Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service in delivering, through Nottinghamshire Strategic Road Safety Partnership, road traffic collision awareness activities be supported;
- (2) that consideration be given by the Fire and Rescue Service as to whether to raise with the Partnership the possible introduction of 20mph zones in certain key residential areas, such as near schools;
- (3) that, as members were not aware of targets for road traffic accidents, all members of the Fire Authority be provided with a report outlining targets and outcomes, including figures for the City and County and a breakdown between accidents involving motor cycles etc.;
- (4) that a copy of the booklet 'Saving Student Ryan' be circulated to all members of the Fire Authority as this covered the work undertaken with the County Council on education establishments.

# 11 CADET SCHEME PILOT

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the pilot of the joint services city cadet scheme.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted and the findings of the research undertaken by the students involved in the Uniformed Public Services Course at Castle College be received at the close of the meeting;
- (2) that, with regard to those partners who had not been able to meet their commitment towards the City Cadet Scheme, further discussions be held to ensure that they were able to become involved again as soon as possible.

# 12 SAFETY ZONE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating members on the child safety education activity Safety Zone. The Head of Community Safety, Mary McEvoy, reported that they were working with the Child Safety Education Coalition and RoSPA, LASER (Learning About Safety by Experiencing Risk) Coordinator to explore the opportunity of obtaining accreditation for the scheme at the new Holme Pierrepont site,

#### **RESOLVED**

(1) that the report be noted and the Fire and Rescue Service continue to be supported in its delivery within the Safety Zone programme;

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- (2) that progress reports be submitted to future meetings;
- (3) that, in order to resolve the capacity issue in the north of the County, a larger venue be sought for the presentation of Safety Zone, possibly Walesby Scout Camp.

# 13 FIRE INVESTIGATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the arrangements for fire investigation currently in place in Nottinghamshire and their effectiveness.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the presentation on a specific fire investigation in Nottingham involving a dog and handler (Dave Coss) be received at the close of the meeting.