



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

NOTES

of informal meeting held on **15 JANUARY 2010** at the Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, from 10.00 am to 10.45 am

Membership

- ^ Councillor J Hemsall (Chair)
- Councillor B Cooper
- ^ Councillor S Fielding
- Councillor B Grocock
- ^ Councillor K Longdon

Members absent are marked ^

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fielding, Hemsall and Longdon.

2 QUORUM

As the quorum for a meeting of the Committee was three and only two Councillors were present, the meeting was not quorate and could not therefore proceed. The members present decided to proceed on an informal basis.

3 CONTINUATION OF THE 'ON FIRE FUND'

Further to the Chief Fire Officer's report, John Buckley, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, reported that £20,000 had been given to the High Sheriff's Fund in Nottingham. The Chief Fire Officer was a Trustee and with a pot of £80,000 it provided considerable funds specifically for broader community safety. Mary McEvoy confirmed that the application form for the On Fire Fund was simple and identified smaller groups that were often missed by mainstream fire reduction activity. Even if an application was not successful it was likely that the Fire Authority could still provide some assistance through mainstream services or signposting to other organisations.

The Fund had recently been topped up to £200,000 by the Finance and Resources Committee. However, if there were cost cuts in the future, the Fund would have to be reviewed.

4 ROAD CASUALTY REDUCTION

Further to the Chief Fire Officer's report, Mary McEvoy, Head of Community Safety, circulated the Nottinghamshire Casualty Report 2008 prepared by the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership. She explained the statistics in the report which showed that targets were being achieved. The document 'Beyond 2010' was out for consultation and the new targets would be published in due course. It would be useful to councillors if further statistical information could be provided which showed 'hot spots' and who was involved in accidents – cyclists, motorcycles etc.

5 STUDENT BRAND AMBASSADOR

Further to the Chief Fire Officer's report, the good relationships with the two universities were outlined and the campaign activity which was undertaken with students.

6 RISKWATCH;SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Further to the Chief Fire Officer's report, Ms McEvoy circulated two booklets (RiskWatch Fire Safety and RiskWatch Teacher Guide) which had been prepared as part of the special needs resources developed to support the RiskWatch programme. Expertise at Portland College had been used to develop the resource and it was now being promoted for use within mainstream education for those with special educational needs.