



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **8 OCTOBER 2010** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, from 10.00 am to 10.20 am.

Membership

Councillor S Fielding (Chair)
Councillor B Cooper
Councillor B Grocock
Councillor J Hemsall
Councillor J Zadrozny

Members absent are marked ^

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

9 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 July 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

10 FIRESETTERS PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, on the progress of the Firesetters Programme. Firesetters was the term used by those in the service when referring to "people who start fires deliberately." The Firesetter Programme was provided through the firesetter intervention co-ordinator and a number of trained firesetter interventionists. The programme aimed to help children and young people understand and control the feelings and circumstances that lead them to set fires.

The Firesafe Programme was a 10 session, one to one, cognitive behavioural programme aimed at medium/high risk offenders in the 12-17 age range. Referrals were received from the Youth Offending Team or Youth Service Team.

The programmes were being evaluated and it was accepted that although they were a vital part of intervention measures, with current budget pressures they would have to be reviewed in the light of other priorities. It was also important to 'bottom out' the cost of the programmes as a significant rise in referrals in the future would make it impossible to ascertain how much extra resource needed to be allocated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report and the approach of work undertaken by the Service's firesetter intervention programme be noted and the work programme continue to be supported;**
- (2) that councillors be provided with statistics for firesetter referrals broken down by district.**

11 PRINCE'S TRUST

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, on the progress of the Prince's Trust Team Programme. The Service had worked in partnership with the Prince's Trust as a delivery partner for the Team Programme since 2001, delivering over 57 teams. The Team Programme was a 12 week personal development programme for 16 – 25 year olds taken from the NEET (not in education, employment or training). Most had struggled at school, were long term unemployed, had been in trouble with the law or in or leaving care. The programme made a positive difference to the lives of young people by improving self confidence, self esteem, problem solving skills and key skills through the attainment of vocational and national qualifications. The Service was very proud of its relationship with the Trust as it made such a huge difference to young people.

The Chief Fire Officer confirmed that funding from Derbyshire College was committed to 2011/12 and this would enable the continued involvement of the Service in the partnership with the Trust. The recruitment of the 2 peripatetic team support officers for the Trust programme would be in line with the Service's recruitment procedures and they would be on fixed term contracts until future funding was clear.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted and the Fire and Rescue Service's position as a delivery partner of the Prince's Trust continue to be supported;**
- (2) that the Chief Fire Officer submit further update reports to Committee periodically.**