



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: FRIDAY 27 JULY 2012

**Time: 11.30 or on the rising of the
Human Resources Committee,
whichever is the later.**

**Venue: Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold,
Nottingham.**

**Members are requested to attend the above meeting to be held at the time, place
and date mentioned for the purpose of transacting the following business.**

Clerk to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority

AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
Councillors, colleagues or other participants in meetings are requested to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any matter(s) on the agenda
- 3 MINUTES** Attached
Last meeting held on 13 April 2012 (for confirmation)
- 4 COMMUNITY SAFETY DELIVERY** Attached
Report of Chief Fire Officer
- 5 SAFETY ZONE** Attached
Report of Chief Fire Officer

6 TO CONSIDER EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE REMAINING ITEM(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100A(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 ON THE BASIS THAT, HAVING REGARD TO ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE EXEMPTION OUTWEIGHS THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN DISCLOSING THE INFORMATION

7 NEW RISKS PROGRAMME CAPABILITY
Report of Chief Fire Officer

Attached

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MINUTES

of meeting held on **13 APRIL 2012** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, from 10.00 am to 10.30 am.

Membership

- Councillor S Fielding (Chair)
- Councillor J Hempsall
- ^ Councillor J Packer
- Councillor L Yates
- Councillor J Zadrozny (minute items 23-24 inclusive)
- Councillor B Grocock (as substitute for Councillor Packer)

Members absent are marked ^

Councillors Pulk and Cooper were in attendance as observers.

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Yates declared a personal interest in agenda item 4, (Misterton – ‘Risky Rooms’ and Ashfield ‘SWAN’ Project), as Misterton was her division. This did not prevent her from speaking or voting.

23 MINUTES

(a) Matters arising

Councillor Grocock advised the meeting that he had drawn the attention of the City Council to minute item 18, ‘Sprinklers’, with a view to encouraging the provision of residential sprinklers in

new build public housing as a means of contributing to saving lives. Councillor Pulk added that the Chief Fire Officer was attempting to set up a meeting with the Leader of the City Council and other relevant City Councillors with a view to progressing the matter. It was agreed that as there would be a large number of buildings being erected over the next few years, it was important that this issue was tackled at the outset, before any substantial building work commenced.

John Buckley, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, reported that he had met with the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes in order to put forward a business case for including sprinklers in new build homes. Other social landlords would be similarly targeted. If a large social housing provider became involved in the market it was hoped that this would drive the market and enable manufacturers to develop cheaper solutions and that more developers would then become involved.

It was agreed that it was a more difficult task to get private developers on board as it would have cost implications for them.

The Local Government Association was keen to get the concept on the National agenda.

The members requested further updates from the Assistant Chief Fire Officer at future meetings of the Committee.

(b) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 January 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

24 MISTERTON – ‘RISKY ROOMS’ AND ASHFIELD ‘SWAN’ PROJECT

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, updating the Committee on community safety activities within North Group. John Buckley, Assistant Chief Fire Officer presented the report.

Two of the more notable station based projects were ‘Risky Rooms’ at Misterton and the ‘SWAN’ (Safety, Water Awareness, Nature) project at Ashfield.

The Misterton Risky Rooms were launched in June 2011. The rooms had been created in a portacabin funded by donations from the Misterton Gala Committee and Southmoor Lodge Residential Home. They represented a typical family home. Visitors were given a short presentation on fire safety in the home and then shown into the Rooms where they were given a list of hazards and were asked to discuss simple safety measures which could be life saving.

Over 100 visitors had benefited from the innovative resource including local Cub scouts, Worksop Young Mums, Misterton Mums and various Surestart Groups.

It was planned to extend the project by adding a garden shed.

The project was seen as a way of getting local engagement at minimal cost.

The Ashfield Fire Station 'SWAN' project was used historically to encourage school children to be safe around water. It was now a broader resource for an educational experience for the children of Ashfield.

The Station was to host the yearly multi agency Safety week.

The project had been tailored with the Schools Personal, Social and Health educational key stages in mind.

The aim of the project was that every child in Ashfield of primary school age would be taught how to keep themselves safe in their home, in and around water along with a an understanding of the consequences of making hoax calls and setting deliberate fires.

The dedicated classroom at the Station had graffiti style pictures depicting safety images to assist the children in their understanding of the subject. The images had been coloured by the children themselves to give them 'ownership' of the issues raised during the input.

Children were encouraged to discover plants and wildlife in the Stations own woodland and learn about the consequences of deliberately setting grass fires.

The Chair recommended that the station staff involved in both projects should be applauded for their work.

It was agreed that wherever possible, all Members should take the opportunity to visit these projects with a view to cascading the messages learned from them back to their communities.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and the creative ways in which the resources of the Authority were used to educate young people and reduce risk be supported.



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COMMUNITY SAFETY DELIVERY

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Agenda Item No:

4

Date:

27 July 2012

Purpose of Report:

To inform Members of the amended Community Safety Delivery and its roles within Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Combined Fire Authority, on 25 May, approval was given to change the organisational establishment to assist with the implementation of the Fire Cover Review and contribute towards the cost reduction activities ongoing within the Service.
- 1.2 This has led to a fundamental restructure of the Service into two distinct operating arms; Service Delivery and Corporate Support. Service Delivery being the outward face of the organisation, Corporate Support being the mechanisms which allow the Service Delivery directorate to operate effectively.
- 1.3 Part of the restructure necessitated the Community Safety Department to be attuned partially to Service Delivery, through the delivery teams and Corporate Support taking the development and support facets.
- 1.4 This has enabled the Community Safety Department to be integral to the Delivery and Support directorates of the Service, as opposed to a function which sits remote from the main operating arms of the Service. This will enable the Service to be more intuitive and analytical in the development of initiatives to meet the needs of the communities.
- 1.5 The change also gives the opportunity to align existing district based community safety resources and advocates to be part of a larger, more encompassing team.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The analytical work which formed the restructure showed that the Service's community safety delivery mechanisms had the potential to deliver more efficiently and effectively.
- 2.2 The Service delivered its community safety activities through numerous means; through the station based activities, utilising the community advocates and through the development work and delivery of the centrally based community safety teams. This dual approach led to teams working separately towards different objectives and occasionally this led to crossover and duplication of effort.
- 2.3 The restructure splits the Community Safety Team into Service Delivery and Corporate Support.

Service Delivery

- 2.4 The structure of the Service Delivery teams matches the needs of the District it supports. The teams contain a mix of uniformed and non uniformed staff. The composition of the teams compliment the structure, in being delivery led.

- 2.5 As the Districts differ in risk profile and therefore type of resources needed, the teams are different in their allocation of personnel. All the teams benefit from having employees who have generic and specific skills. The Service will continue to develop existing staffs skills, should an opportunity or need arise.
- 2.6 The teams are based in the Service's geographic districts; the North based at Mansfield Fire Station, which covers the districts of Mansfield, Ashfield, Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood: The South at Highfields Fire Station, covering Broxtowe, Rushcliffe and Gedling and the City's team at Central Fire Station.
- 2.7 This is a change from the existing arrangements where each district had its own advocate and the community safety teams operated centrally.
- 2.8 The job description of the advocate has been adapted to better meet the communities' needs, focusing on delivery of community interventions. The advocates have also been renamed to reflect their role, now adopting the title of Risk Reduction Officer.
- 2.9 The Teams will be managed and directed by the District Group Manager, this may be delegated for day to day issues. Having the District Group Manager directing the resources allows the individual districts to address their particular issues and meet their individual risk profile.
- 2.10 Alongside the district based activities, the teams will continue to deliver generic initiatives to the districts, these initiatives have been evaluated to assess the value to the organisation and provide a solid foundation to community safety throughout the Service.
- 2.11 This approach will give the District Group Manager flexibility to react to issues or provide initiatives which are evidence based, moving resources and adapting priorities as necessary.
- 2.12 The district based approach also adds a level of accountability to the Group Manager, answering to the Area Manager Service Delivery on the performance of their district. Under the previous Community Safety team, it was difficult to apportion performance, as the teams were under different management structures.
- 2.13 In addition to working towards district goals, the teams have the ability to be dynamic and react to a specific problem or Service wide issue. This gives an option for the Service to call on and mobilise a large community safety resource at short notice, or for them to be brought together for an initiative which is beyond the capacity of a single district: This builds resilience into community delivery.
- 2.14 The uniformed element of the district teams also have a responsibility to maintain fire cover at risk critical retained duty system stations, should an appliance be unavailable due to lack of crew. This will be managed centrally

and have a minimal impact on the community safety delivered by the teams. This was highlighted in the Authority approved, Fire Cover Review.

Corporate Support

- 2.15 To compliment Service Delivery's community safety, the Corporate Support team will, through the Partnership and Engagement Team and Information Team, provide the corporate initiatives, analysis and development which will allow the District Teams to focus and concentrate on delivery.
- 2.16 The Information Team will analyse trends and data, highlighting issues which require a community safety intervention from the delivery teams, either across the teams, or from a specific area.
- 2.17 Within the restructure the Authority approved a new post of corporate analyst, in addition to trend and data analysis, the role will cross map and evaluate the success of current initiatives and highlight areas which require intervention.
- 2.18 The Partnership and Engagement Team consists of four themed leads; Health older people, Disabilities and adult safeguarding; Youth issues, Families and child safeguarding; Housing, voluntary and community sector; BME and emerging communities.
- 2.19 These themed leads will provide the development of new initiatives, the management of existing processes and facilitate existing partnerships.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications arising from this report. The posts highlighted in this report are existing positions which have been moved in the restructure.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

The majority of the individuals who have volunteered for the teams have been trained in the specialist nature of community safety delivery. Any additional training will be given within existing arrangements.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Equality impact assessments have been carried out for both the restructure and the Fire Cover Review.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The changes to Community Safety delivery in Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service will address the differing risks in the community and reduce the internal risk within the organisation.
- 8.2 The creation and management of the district teams will reduce the risk within the community, and the Service. This will be achieved by focussing on the risk profile of districts and providing a flexible, dynamic option to deal with larger issues.
- 8.3 The internal Corporate Support functions will provide resilience and reduce organisational risk through the interaction with other agencies and the intuitive analysis and evaluation of current projects.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report and recognise the capability and capacity of the newly developed Community Safety Delivery.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None.

Frank Swann
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SAFETY ZONE

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Agenda Item No:

5

Date:

27 July 2012

Purpose of Report:

To update Members regarding the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) award for Safety Zone.

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1. BACKGROUND

For a number of years Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) has coordinated a multi-agency educational programme called Safety Zone. This originally started through a partnership with Severn Trent Water and was held at Stoke Bardolph. More recently the twice yearly event has been held at Holme Pierrepont Water Sports Centre.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Safety Zone is a twice yearly outdoor safety education initiative that teaches children how to keep themselves, their families and friends safe by making the right decisions when exposed to risk. The week-long events take place during the summer and autumn terms and engages 2500 children aged 10 and 11 through a range of interactive scenarios.
- 2.2 The multi-agency event focuses on topics such as the dangers of playing near sub-stations, how to avoid hazards on or near water, safe behavior when using public transport and the impact of making hoax 999 calls.
- 2.3 The organisations delivering Safety Zone, working together in the Nottinghamshire Safety Education Partnership, are:
 - Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
 - Nottinghamshire Police
 - East Midlands Ambulance Service
 - St John Ambulance
 - Nottingham City Council
 - Nottinghamshire County Council
 - Nottingham E-Learning
 - Western Power Distribution
 - Nottingham City Transport
 - NET Trams
- 2.4 To ensure that the community safety activities undertaken by the Service are effective, a process of evaluation is undertaken, and in some cases external accreditation is sought.
- 2.5 Through engagement with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) it was identified that Safety Zone was able to seek formal accreditation through the LASER Alliance (Learning About Safety by Experiencing Risk).
- 2.6 Evidence has been collected and presented to LASER which demonstrates that the hazard scenarios in Safety Zone represent real risk to the children of Nottinghamshire, and that there is a clear and long term positive increase in their knowledge and behavior as a direct result of them taking part in the programme.

- 2.7 This has led to Safety Zone receiving formal LASER accreditation from RoSPA, and the Partnership received the award at a presentation held on 5 July 2012 at Fire Service Headquarters.
- 2.8 The award remains in place for two years and assures the local and wider community that all agencies are committed to educational excellence and quality. It also helps to measure the impact of interventions and encourages self-evaluation and innovation.
- 2.9 Plans are already underway for the next Safety Zone events, which take place at Holme Pierrepont from 17 to 28 September 2012 and 11 to 22 March 2013 and Members are invited to attend to observe the learning experience.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Each partner organisation meets its own costs during the Safety Zone events and the schools engaged in the programme cover any travel costs for the children.
- 3.2 Direct costs for NFRS beyond that of staff time is minimal and met from existing Community Safety event budgets.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct Human Resources or Learning and Development implications arising from this report.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An equality impact assessment has not been undertaken as this report is for information and does not change policy or procedures.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Fire and Rescue Authorities, through the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) are required to engage with partners in the reduction and impact of crime. Engagement in the Nottinghamshire Safety Education Partnership and the delivery of Safety Zone reinforces NFRS's commitment to this responsibility.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Fire and Rescue National Framework compels Fire and Rescue Authorities to engage in activity to promote public safety.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

A key requirement within the Authorities' Integrated Risk Management Plan is to create safer communities through education. Safety Zone is an excellent example of how that strategic direction is transferred in to delivery.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That Members acknowledge the LASER accreditation award and continue to support NFRS's leadership and engagement in Safety Zone.
- 9.2 The Chief Fire Officer extend an invitation to all Members of the Combined Fire Authority to attend the forthcoming Safety Zone events.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None.

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