



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

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting held on **5 JULY 2013** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters,
Bestwood Lodge from 10.00 am to 10.46 am.

Membership

Councillor Harwood (Chair)
Councillor Barnfather
Councillor Grocock
Councillor Rigby
Councillor Wilmot

Members absent are marked ^

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

3 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

(b) Matters Arising

RESOLVED to request Deputy Chief Fire Officer John Buckley to send a letter on behalf of the Authority to Councillor Fielding thanking her for her work and dedication as Chair of the Committee.

4 STRATEGIC CO-LOCATION - EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Fire Officer informing members of a six month pilot to co-locate East Midlands Ambulance Service on three Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Stations.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer John Buckley presented the report and highlighted the following points:

- There will be a formal arrangement with a memorandum of understanding but a joint agreement will allow either party to withdraw from the arrangements under an agreed set of conditions.
- Other than forecourt space, EMAS only requires access to existing welfare facilities which can be easily shared with Station staff.
- There is potential for rental income and a charge covering the use of facilities, including dedicated electricity supply.
- From a list of 14 sites potentially suitable for co-location, the following 3 have been selected for the pilot;
 - West Bridgford - whole time
 - Ashfield - whole time and retained
 - Stapleford - retained.

The Committee noted that co-location of blue light services will be considered during the development of future new build facilities. The initiative was welcomed by Councillors.

RESOLVED

- (1) to support the co-location trial with East Midlands Ambulance Service, initially in three locations using spare capacity;**
- (2) to request John Mann, Area Manager Strategic Support, to provide further updates on the progress of the trial to future meetings.**

5 PRIMARY AUTHORITY SCHEME PILOT

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Fire Officer informing members that Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) has entered into a pilot Primary Authority Scheme partnership with Boots Plc.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer John Buckley presented the report and highlighted the following points:

- The Primary Authority Scheme is currently voluntary and provides regional and national businesses with a single point of contact in relation to fire safety legislation, relevant duties and advice.
- Without the scheme, NFRS has responsibility for all businesses within the county.

- Boots' partnership with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue means that NFRS Fire Protection Team has attended various training days and workshops outside of the County, providing guidance and training.
- Businesses can choose the level of support needed from the Primary Authority.
- Between January and June 2013, two schemes, one statutory and one non-statutory, were piloted across 17 Fire and Rescue Services and 17 businesses. NFRS operated the statutory model of the scheme during the pilot.
- Areas to be assessed from running the pilots will include cost implications, impact on Fire Service capacity and impact on the Integrated Risk Management Plan.
- NFRS already works closely with Boots, but under the pilot scheme, NFRS advice will be implemented and acted upon in all Boots premises within the UK, regardless of county, Local Authority or other Fire and Rescue Service boundaries.
- A central register of the partnerships will be maintained and Primary Authorities are expected to liaise as and when enforcement action was considered necessary.
- If the statutory scheme is approved by Central Government, Primary Authorities will be able to claim reimbursement to cover costs. However, any business in any part of the UK can demand that Fire and Rescue Service become their Primary Authority.
- Government feedback on the pilot is predicted to be released during October 2013.

RESOLVED to note the report and request John Buckley, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, to provide an update on the Primary Authority Scheme to a future meeting once Central Government has decided which of the two pilot schemes to implement.

6 DISTRICT INITIATIVES - INFORMAL REPORTING PROCESS

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Fire Officer requesting that the Committee consider receiving informal briefings from District Group Managers at the rising of the next three meetings.

The report proposed that Councillors might find it interesting and useful to receive informal briefings of approximately 30 minutes each, from the 3 district command units of:

City - Nottingham City	
South Nottinghamshire -	Broxtowe, Rushcliffe and Gedling,
North Nottinghamshire -	Ashfield, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood, and Bassetlaw.

This will enable the Group Managers to inform the Committee of activities taking place at station level, particularly with regard to local community safety activities and initiatives.

The Committee welcomed the proposal.

RESOLVED to request informal briefings from District Group Managers at the rising of the next three Community Safety meetings.