



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**  
**Fire & Rescue Service**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham  
Fire and Rescue Authority  
Policy and Strategy Committee

# **SECTION 13 AND 16 AGREEMENTS – 2011 UPDATE**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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**Agenda Item No:**

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**Purpose of Report:**

To update Policy and Strategy Committee on the status and performance regarding Section 13/16 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004.

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## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In February and April 2011 the Policy and Strategy Committee received two reports from the Chief Fire Officer regarding the Section 13/16 activity levels as they related to Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- 1.2 As Policy and Strategy Committee will recall, Sections 13 and 16 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 allow for reciprocal support to be performed between neighbouring Services. Section 13 focuses on the principle of mutual assistance and Section 16 allows for contractual arrangements whereby services can be provided by other Services.
- 1.3 In April 2011 the Policy and Strategy Committee tasked the Chief Fire Officer with annually reporting on activity levels.

## 2. REPORT

- 2.1 The neighbouring Services where Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service operates cross border support arrangements under Section 13 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 are as follows:
- Derbyshire;
  - Humberside;
  - Leicestershire;
  - Lincolnshire;
  - South Yorkshire.
- 2.2 During the year January 2011 – 31 December 2011 the following activity was undertaken. It should be noted that this is our raw data from Control and does not form the basis of any charging arrangement. Currently Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire exchange budgetary provision for cross border work. The other Services operate on a knock for knock basis.

### Nottinghamshire appliances mobilised to over border incidents

Service	Caller	Incidents	Appliances
<b>Derbyshire</b>	Derbys Control	76	WDS 74
	Other	24	RDS 33
	Total:	100	107
<b>Humberside</b>	Humbs Control	16	WDS 0
	Other	2	RDS 18
	Total:	18	18

<b>Leicestershire</b>	Leics Control	5	WDS 2
	Other	6	RDS 9
	Total:	11	11
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	Lincs Control	60	WDS 38
	Other	21	RDS 44
	Total:	81	82
<b>South Yorkshire</b>	South Yorks Control	14	WDS 13
	Other	12	RDS 20
	Total:	26	33

#### **Over border appliances attending Nottinghamshire**

<b>Derbyshire</b>	32
(arrival)	23
(no time)	9
<b>Humberside</b>	1
(arrival)	1
<b>Leicestershire</b>	9
(arrival)	7
(no time)	2
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	39
(arrival)	32
(no time)	7
<b>South Yorkshire</b>	6
(arrival)	6

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Where cost exchange takes place it is done utilising the agreed LGA rate, which for the previous year was maintained at £292 per call.
- 3.2 As Nottinghamshire has an arrangement with Derbyshire this should see a surplus of collection circa £21k for the current financial year.

### **4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are implications for crews responding to over the border incidents, primarily based around the understanding of operational procedures. Appropriate familiarisation is undertaken to ensure that crews can work effectively at incidents together, even though some of the equipment may vary.

### **5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

There are no implications for equalities arising from this report.

### **6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 is the legal framework which determines what the duties of the Fire and Rescue Authorities are. Sections 13 and 16 of this Act are the elements which deal with reciprocal assistance and working across borders.

### **8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Section 13 and 16 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 serve as provision to ensure that individual Fire and Rescue Services do not run the risk of exhausting their own provision and not having recourse for assistance to their neighbouring Services. Section 16 also offers the opportunity for Authorities to discharge elements of their duties should they so require.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Policy and Strategy Committee note the activities undertaken by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service under Sections 13 and 16 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 for the calendar year January 2011 – December 2011.

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

None.

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