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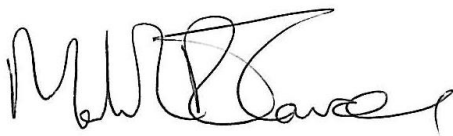
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE & CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY - COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: Friday 3 October 2014

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Fire and Rescue Services HQ, Bestwood Lodge, Arnold Nottingham NG5 8PD

Members are requested to attend the above meeting to be held at the time, place and date mentioned to transact the following business



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

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**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE & CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY -
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Fire and Rescue Services HQ, Bestwood
Lodge, Arnold Nottingham NG5 8PD on 4 July 2014 from 10.02 am - 11.06 am**

Membership

Present

Councillor David Smith (Chair)
Councillor Brian Grocock
Councillor Tony Roberts
Councillor John Wilmott

Absent

Councillor Ken Rigby

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Wayne Bowcock - Deputy Chief Fire Officer
Carol Jackson - Nottingham City Council

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Ken Rigby

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

3 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2014 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

4 RISK REDUCTION UPDATE

Wayne Bowcock, the Deputy Chief Fire Officer provided the meeting with an update on progress with regard to various issues:

- during 2013, the then Deputy Chief Fire Officer put in place a process of reviewing all incidents resulting in a fire fatality or serious injury. This led to the creation of a Serious Fire Incident Review Panel chaired by the Deputy Chief Fire

- Officer and includes representatives from all of the key departments within the Service. The aims and objectives of the Panel are;
 - to establish whether there are lessons to be learned from the circumstances of the case about the way in which local professionals and agencies work together to safeguard vulnerable adults and children;
 - to review the effectiveness of procedures; to inform and improve local inter-agency practice;
 - to improve practice by acting on learning and developing good practice; to bring together analysis;
 - to ensure that recommendations for future action are decided upon along with a time frame and ownership of specific actions;
- following the inaugural meeting of the Panel, the Arson Reduction and Investigation Team carried out a review of the fire fatalities in 2012, in which they looked at the personal profiles of the victims and identified the primary factors involved in each case;
- the conclusions of the review highlighted common factors across each case and identified primary factors such as poor mobility, mental health issues , alcohol consumption and smoking;
- the Service intends to profile future individuals involved in incidents which are either near misses or rescues, to determine if they match the common factors. This will enable the Panel to direct those responsible for risk reduction activity to concentrate on individuals who have the same or similar profiles to support and provide interventions to reduce the risk of death or serious injury;
- the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) Road Safety Week took place 9-13 June. Risk Reduction Teams and operational personnel were involved in a series of activities across the County and City, including road safety presentations at schools and awareness sessions for young construction workers. Early indications are that the events and engagement were well received. It is intended to build upon the activities and to achieve a reduction in incidents by working in a co-ordinated and collaborative effort with partners;
- NFRS has established an internal working group to support and develop activity to reduce road deaths in a consistent and coordinated way;
- the Partnerships and Engagement Team has been formed from the former Community Safety Team and the Partnerships and Engagement Officer from Corporate Services. The Team has an outward facing service delivery culture, focusing on the needs of service delivery to ensure that the Risk Reduction Teams and operational crews have the capacity to focus on appropriate areas. A review will take place of the partnership and engagement roles within Service Delivery to establish any necessary re-alignment of objectives or focus. The process for the re-allocation of the Partnership and Engagement Team has begun with full consultation taking place with all stakeholders;

Several issues were raised and points made in the discussion which followed:

- members agreed the importance of sharing information with and obtaining information from, other agencies to help in identifying vulnerable people. It was noted that fire and rescue services no longer have a statutory requirement to be part of the Health and Wellbeing Boards whose function is to collaborate to understand their local community's needs, agree priorities and encourage commissioners to work in a more joined up way. Councillor Brian Grocock agreed to speak to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to request that a representative of NFRS be invited to join the local Board;
- the vital role which GP's have in helping to identify vulnerable adults cannot be over-emphasised in view of the fact that they make home visits to a lot of vulnerable elderly. More has to be done to encourage GP's to share information which may be of use to the Service;
- members agreed that it is not a good idea to set targets in terms of fire fatalities. Whilst the Service is doing all it can to keep fatalities to a minimum it will never be possible to cover every eventuality;
- Councillor John Wilmott highlighted to the meeting the loneliness campaign being headed up by Esther Rantzen which has identified 46,000 people in Nottinghamshire living alone, many of whom are in contact with family, friends and neighbours less than once a week. The number of vulnerable elderly will continue to increase over time as life expectancy increases. Councillor Wilmott suggested that a meeting be arranged attended by representatives of the emergency services, Age UK, GP's, local Councils and social landlords with a view to finding more ways of working together to protect the vulnerable;
- members agreed that measures for improving road safety awareness should not only be targeted at motorists but at cyclists and pedestrians as well. They must be encouraged to behave responsibly. The increased use of head phones by both pedestrians and cyclists was resulting in an increase in incidents. It was agreed that there should be more enforcement of the law in respect of cyclists failing to obey road signs and riding on the pavements. Members accepted however that dwindling resources meant road safety was becoming a lower priority with some agencies;

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the report;**
- (2) to support the work being undertaken and to receive further update reports as required.**

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SERVICE DELIVERY PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Date: 03 October 2014

Purpose of Report:

To provide Members of the Community Safety Committee with an update regarding the current performance of Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service in relation to prevention, protection and response.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) has specific arrangements in place for the delivery of prevention, protection and response services to enable the Fire Authority to meet its statutory obligations.
- 1.2 This report contains performance and benchmarking data which helps The Service target activity against known demand.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Performance data is attached and shows the key performance indicators and the performance against the most similar family group of fire and rescue services. The 2013/14 Quarter 4 performance is good overall.
- 2.2 The performance report allows the Service to focus on areas of required improved performance and share good practice in areas where performance has been good.
- 2.3 Two areas of focus for the Service are fatalities in primary fires and fires in non-domestic premises. Whilst the underperformance is only marginal, these indicators are important in relation to the Service's core purpose. The excellent performance in other areas, such as the reduction in deliberate primary and secondary fires and the increase in smoke alarms fitted and activated, will contribute to the required reduction in these areas of focus.
- 2.4 The Service continues to measure performance against other similar fire authority areas to share information in areas where improvements can be made or where it could be of use to assist others to improve. Whilst these areas are similar geographically and in population quantity, there can be some stark socio demographic and specific population density differences which can contribute to performance variations.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct human resources or learning and development implications arising from this report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

An equality impact assessment is not required as this report is for information only.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report. However, measuring and monitoring performance allows the Service to target activity against demand from both a fire and rescue service perspective and the wider public safety partnership. This ensures the Service meets its obligations under the Crime and Disorder Act and other relevant legislation.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Effective measuring and monitoring of performance and subsequent actions, ensures the Service complies with the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and the National Framework.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report. However, performance monitoring ensures the Service can identify and plan for anticipated variations in Service levels due to workforce availability and demand levels.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report.

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

None.

John Buckley
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

How we performed during 2013/14

Over 10% of Over Achievement of Target					
Within 10% of Over Achievement of Target					
Within 10% of Under Achievement of Target					
Over 10% of Under Achievement of Target					
Indicator	Actual	Performance	Target	Previous Year	Previous 2 Years
NI 33a Deliberate Primary Fires	429.00		429.18	442.00	709.00
NI 33b Deliberate Sec. Fires	1363.00		1998.70	1236.00	2928.00
NI 49i Primary Fires	1605.00		1501.81	1567.00	1964.00
NI 49ii Fatalities in Primary Fires	4.00		0.00	5.00	4.00
NI 49iii Non-Fatal Casualties	58.00		73.72	77.00	78.00
KPI 143iii Accidental Dwelling Fires	619.00		624.98	627.00	635.00
KPI 143i Accidental Dwelling Fire Deaths	2.00		0.00	3.00	4.00
KPI 143ii Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	42.00		52.38	54.00	56.00
KPI 144 % Fire & Heat Damage Confined To Room	93.38		94.00	90.11	93.70
KPI 146i % Malicious Hoax Calls Not Attended (NOFM)	44.57		39.00	39.50	39.79
KPI 146ii % Malicious Hoax Calls Attended	55.43		63.00	60.50	60.21
KPI 149 No of Unwanted Fire Signals Attended	2766.00		2732.23	2912.00	3233.00
KPI 206i Deliberate Primary Fires Excl Vehicles	251.00		229.49	235.00	355.00
KPI 206ii Deliberate Primary Fires Vehicles	178.00		199.69	207.00	354.00
KPI 207 Fires In Non Domestic Premises	288.00		226.10	233.00	299.00
KPI 208 % Escaped Dwelling Fires Unharmed	93.43		94.00	91.45	90.84
KPI 209i % Smoke Alarm Activated	51.53		51.00	57.37	50.28
KPI 209iii % Smoke Alarm Not Fitted	19.51		29.00	20.40	26.89
KPI 12i Sickness Wholetime Staff	5.09		6.0		
KPI 12ii Sickness All Staff	5.8		6.25		
KPI 8 % Undisputed Invoices Paid within 30 Days	99.5		100	97.9	90
KPI 150 Expenditure Per Head	37.90		40.25	39.54	38.92

FAMILY GROUP 4 (FG4)
PER POPULATION PERFORMANCE Q4 (APRIL 2013 TO MARCH 2014)

National Indicator 49i
(Primary Fires)
Per 100,000 population

National Indicator 49ii
(Fatalities due to Primary Fires)
Per 100,000 population

National Indicator 49iii
(Non Fatal Casualties)
Per 100,000 population

National Indicator 33a
(Deliberate Primary Fires)
Per 10,000 population

National Indicator 33b
(Deliberate Secondary Fires)
Per 10,000 population

All Primary Fires (April 2013 to March 2014)	
Service	Number
Cheshire	109.9
Cleveland	110.5
Leicestershire	110.9
Hampshire	113.2
Kent	114.5
Hertfordshire	120.2
Surrey	121.8
Derbyshire	126.8
Essex	130.5
Avon	130.7
Staffordshire	134.5
Hereford & Worcester	137.5
Lincolnshire	137.9
South Wales	145.9
Nottinghamshire	147.1
Lancashire	151.2
Humberside	158.6
N. Ireland	168.5
FG4 Average	131.7

Fatalities due to Primary Fires (April 2013 to March 2014)	
Service	Number
Hampshire	0.1
Avon	0.2
Cheshire	0.3
Hertfordshire	0.3
Humberside	0.3
Lancashire	0.3
South Wales	0.3
Essex	0.4
Nottinghamshire	0.4
Surrey	0.4
Kent	0.5
Staffordshire	0.5
Lincolnshire	0.6
N. Ireland	0.6
Hereford & Worcester	0.8
Leicestershire	0.8
Cleveland	0.9
Derbyshire	1.0
FG4 Average	0.4

Non Fatal Casualties (April 2013 to March 2014)	
Service	Number
Staffordshire	2.3
Lincolnshire	2.4
Leicestershire	3.6
Cleveland	3.8
Hampshire	3.9
Humberside	4.1
Cheshire	4.3
Hertfordshire	4.4
Nottinghamshire	5.3
Essex	5.4
Hereford & Worcester	5.7
Surrey	6.2
Lancashire	6.4
Avon	6.5
Kent	6.8
Derbyshire	7.2
South Wales	10.2
N. Ireland	26.5
FG4 Average	6.4

Deliberate Primary Fires (April 2013 to March 2014)	
Service	Number
Hampshire	2.0
Surrey	2.0
Hereford & Worcester	2.1
Hertfordshire	2.1
Essex	2.3
Cheshire	2.9
Lincolnshire	2.9
Derbyshire	3.1
Kent	3.2
Lancashire	3.3
Leicestershire	3.5
Staffordshire	3.5
Nottinghamshire	3.9
Avon	4.4
Cleveland	4.8
Humberside	5.1
South Wales	5.2
N. Ireland	7.0
FG4 Average	3.5

Deliberate Secondary Fires (April 2013 to March 2014)	
Service	Number
Surrey	3.7
Lincolnshire	3.9
Hereford & Worcester	4.5
Essex	4.9
Hertfordshire	5.2
Hampshire	5.5
Leicestershire	7.0
Kent	7.5
Derbyshire	7.6
Avon	10.5
Cheshire	12.1
Nottinghamshire	12.5
Staffordshire	15.7
Lancashire	17.4
Humberside	19.2
South Wales	28.2
N. Ireland	30.0
Cleveland	43.3
FG4 Average	13.3

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RISK REDUCTION UPDATE

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Date: 03 October 2014

Purpose of Report:

To provide Members of the Community Safety Committee with an update regarding the current prevention activity taking place within Gedling Borough Council as part of a multi-agency initiative. This report will be accompanied by a presentation.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Service has specific arrangements in place for the delivery of prevention, protection and response services to enable the Fire Authority to meet its statutory obligations.
- 1.2 The report will present brief information to Members regarding a multi-agency initiative taking place in Gedling. This will be accompanied by a presentation from a member of the Risk Reduction Team.
- 1.3 With the current restrictions on public spending, an ageing population and a social care policy that encourages elderly people to live independently, it is vital that a programme to reduce the amount of emergency care accessed by this group of people is embedded into the partnership agenda.
- 1.4 Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) has established, after analysing data provided by housing providers, that those over the age of 80 are at a higher risk of being injured in a fire, people over the age of 90 are four times more likely.
- 1.5 By accessing the Adult Social Care Framework database that contains the names and addresses of all Nottinghamshire citizens who are in receipt of social care, the Service is able to target its interventions towards those that are most at risk and the Service is therefore not reliant on referrals.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The Service, in partnership with Gedling Borough Council, has adopted an approach of 'make every contact count'. In order to support this, the priorities of other partner agencies were examined and it was found that:
 - Nottinghamshire Police data shows that those over the age of 90 are more likely to be the victims of burglary;
 - Public Health data shows that falls in the home are most likely to occur to those in the 70 plus age group. This is also responsible for the largest percentage of hospital admissions within that age group.
- 2.2 The Service has a specialist risk reduction operative who works with the elderly to ensure that they have adequate fire protection in their home, they are aware of the risk of fire, what precautions to take and are able to escape their property in the event. This operative works closely with Age UK and other specialist partners to gain an expertise in dealing with the elderly.
- 2.3 The risk reduction operative has received additional training to be aware of other risk areas for this demographic group and where possible, address these risks whilst they are in the premises. Where this is not possible they will refer

on to appropriate services, this could be through First Contact or specialist contractors.

2.4 The Risk Reduction operative is competent to:

- Complete Home Fire Safety Checks including the fitment of alarms and providing fire safety advice;
- Advise on home security including the fitment of bolts and door chains, door and window alarms;
- Rectify hazards in the home, loose carpets rugs etc., advise on correct footwear;
- Fit hand rails and other aids;
- Advise on electrical hazards, dangerous appliances and heating;
- Issue temporary emergency heating;
- Give advice on doorstep callers and the 'Buy With Confidence Scheme'.

2.5 Where there are specialised pieces of work (fitment of outdoor lighting) this could be referred on to local traders.

2.6 Once the operative has visited and made the property safe, the householder will be 'risk rated'. Those in the higher risk bracket will be placed on an 'observation list' controlled by the local authority who will ensure that they receive follow up visits from local police beat teams and are checked on a regular basis by local services (Neighbourhood Teams, refuse collectors etc).

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific financial implications arising from this report as the work of the Risk Reduction Teams is to target activity to those most vulnerable in our communities.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct human resources or learning and development implications arising from this report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

An equality impact assessment is not required for this report as it is for information only. However, the actions taken to support the welfare of individuals ensures that

the Service is effectively targeting some of the most vulnerable members of the community. On the availability of evaluation data, consideration will be given to targeting other appropriate areas within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

This initiative assists the Service and partners to meet their obligations within the Crime and Disorder Act.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The evaluation and capturing of learning present effective risk management for the Service in relation to training for staff and controls for effective data sharing.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report and support the work contained within it.

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

None.

John Buckley
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER



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FIRE PROTECTION UPDATE

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Date: 03 October 2014

Purpose of Report:

To provide Members of the Community Safety Committee with an update regarding the current fire protection activity taking place.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Service has specific arrangements in place for the delivery of prevention, protection and response services in order that the Fire Authority may meet its statutory obligations.
- 1.2 This report contains information about some of the current fire protection activity taking place which Members may be aware of through recent media coverage.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Fire protection has been reacting to investigations which have established that more needed to be done to support people living with dementia.
- 2.2 Nottinghamshire County Council, Social Care have reviewed their funding arrangements for care providers and developed a scheme that provides additional funding for those providing care for people living with dementia.
- 2.3 Significant additional funding has been made available to care homes providing dementia care if they achieved the “Dementia Quality Mark”. This was determined by a number of criteria set by the County Council and evaluated by inspection. One of the criteria involved the provision of additional stimulus, which could be achieved by sensory decorations within the care home setting and could involve the use of combustible items.
- 2.3 The interpretation of the guidance available and the need for operators of care homes to comply with other relevant legislation or guidance has been inconsistent. For example, balancing the criteria required for the Dementia Quality Mark and compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order – eg: increasing the fire loading in acceptable or unacceptable areas of care homes.
- 2.4 The Service has liaised closely with Dementia Care to develop effective guidance for care homes. The Service has also liaised closely with Nottinghamshire County Council to ensure that fire safety compliance can be achieved without affecting the opportunity for care homes to achieve the Dementia Quality Mark and the associated funding.
- 2.5 The Fire Protection Team has been working with care home operators to ensure that guidance and compliance is understood and interpreted appropriately. Clearly the Service has a legal obligation as the primary authority to uphold the requirements of the Fire Safety Order. Where care home operators have been unable or unwilling to follow advice or comply with informal notices the Service has the option to adopt a more formal approach.

2.6 Fire protection continues to support premises and responsible persons that provide care for people living with dementia who aspire to achieve the Dementia Quality Mark by providing guidance on how to achieve this while still meeting their legal obligations under the Fire Safety Order.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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 is not required for this report as it is for information only. However, the actions taken to support the welfare of individuals suffering from dementia and to assist the care homes to comply with relevant legislation, ensures that the Service is effectively targeting some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The actions of the Fire Protection Team are directly related to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order and are therefore subject to the requirements of this legislation.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report and support the work contained within it.

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

None.

John Buckley
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER



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INCIDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM JUBILEE CAMPUS

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Date: 03 October 2014

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Community Safety Committee with an appraisal of the fire that occurred at the University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus on 12 September 2014

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1. BACKGROUND

On 12 September 2014 the Service attended a large fire in a building on the University of Nottingham's Jubilee Campus. The building was located in a densely populated area, surrounded by commercial buildings and university accommodation. At the height of the fire, over 60 firefighters, 12 appliances and a number of specialist units attended the incident.

2. REPORT

INCIDENT INFORMATION

- 2.1 At approximately 20:30 hours, numerous calls were received into the Fire Control room of reports of a fire on Triumph Road in Radford, Nottingham.
- 2.2 Following the high volume of calls for this incident, with callers reporting that the fire had spread through the roof, Control mobilised 12 appliances, 2 Ariel Ladder Platforms, the Command Support Unit, the Incident Support Unit, 4 Station Managers, 1 Group Manager and a Media Liaison Officer to ensure the incident was managed and dealt with promptly.
- 2.3 The £20 million GlaxoSmithKline Carbon Neutral Laboratory for Sustainable Chemistry, located on the university's Jubilee Campus, was still under construction when the incident occurred. The timber building, being built by construction company Morgan Sindall, was approx. 70% complete at the time of the fire.
- 2.4 Throughout the incident, a number of agencies assisted and liaised with the Service, including:
- Nottinghamshire Police;
 - East Midlands Ambulance Service and HART;
 - Environment Agency;
 - Western Power;
 - Severn Trent Water;
 - Highways Agency;
 - British Red Cross;
 - Rapid Relief Team Voluntary Organisation.
- 2.5 During the initial stages of the incident, the Service was supported by colleagues from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service as part of our normal response arrangements.
- 2.6 The incident attracted national media coverage which was effectively managed from the outset. All calls were referred to a single point of contact and messages were published on social media websites early into the incident to reassure members of the public that the Service was dealing with the fire.

The media was utilised to 'warn and inform' nearby residents of the dangers of flying embers and action to take should they be experiencing smoke from the large plume that spread from the campus. Positive comments from members of the public and the university have been received into the Service and on social media websites.

INCIDENT TIMELINE

- 2.7 The broad timeline below details the action taken by the Service for this incident and other incidents that occurred concurrently:

Early stages from 20:36 – first call comes into Control. Two crews from Highfields sent. The on duty Group Manager was informed.

Fire Control receives 150 emergency calls to the incident and more crews and equipment are called onto the incident.

At this stage the priority is to prevent the fire spreading to adjacent buildings as it has already engulfed the entire University building under construction. By 9pm full command and control is established from a dedicated command point which helps the incident commander to maintain effective control and safety of the incident.

Firefighting operations well established – as the response and incident tactics are effectively organised the number of crews' increases to 12. Although busy, the Service continues to deal with other simultaneous incidents as business as usual.

Firefighting operations are supported by other agencies by protecting or isolating power supplies nearby and boosting the mains water pressure. Water is also pumped from the nearby river onto the fire. Firefighters attempt to mitigate environmental pollution from water run-off and the Environment Agency provides support with this.

East Midlands Ambulance NHS Trust attends the incident as a precaution and although there are no casualties remains on scene for Firefighter Safety. A media strategy is put into place due to the significant public attention at the scene and through social media. The fire is sending burning debris into the air so information to warn people of the dangers is put out at the scene, via Twitter and the press.

Fire under control 23.05 – the fire is contained and under control. Review of adjacent properties continues to ensure fire hasn't spread. A crew is usually made up of five firefighters so this means that there are more than 60 firefighters at work fighting the fire.

Saturday 13 September – Scaling the Incident Down

1am to 3am – crews continue to be moved around the county to ensure that there are enough firefighters at the scene of the university fire to deal with the blaze, that the rest of Nottinghamshire remains protected in case of any other incidents to ensure the safety of the community.

08.30 hours – 12 hours after the fire was first reported, fire cover has returned to relative normality while three crews remain working at the scene of the Triumph Road fire. The materials that had previously been the building continue to smoulder so firefighters fight the fire from the ground and above to ensure it is entirely put out.

Sunday 14 September – Investigation Planning

The fire is out and crews return to the site periodically to check for 'hot spots' over the next 24 hours.

Police arrange a meeting date and time for the Police Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) and Fire investigation (FI) teams to rendezvous on Monday morning.

Monday 15 September to Present Day

10.00am- CSI and FI teams meet and commence the investigation into the cause of the fire.

FUTURE ACTION

- 2.8 The investigation into the cause of the fire is on-going with police and fire investigation officers. Further information detailing the causes of the fire will be released once the investigation has concluded.
- 2.9 There is significant interest in the incident due to the unique size and construction methods of the building. The fire sector is keen to share any learning from the investigation relating to fire development. Colleagues with fire investigation expertise from other fire and rescue services will be providing assistance, including the fire investigation dog from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Building Research Establishment has also been contacted and will be kept informed of developments.
- 2.10 A structured debrief will take place with the commanders and representatives from other agencies who attended the incident. The findings from this will be fed back to the Operational Assurance Team.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report as it is for information only. Members will be aware that there was a direct financial cost attached to dealing with the incident at the time which is within normal financial planning assumptions.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

A structured debrief is being co-ordinated and any training identified for personnel will be discussed with the Service Development Centre. Operational Assurance will be co-ordinating this and all incident related material – eg: risk assessments, video and media footage – to assist with identifying learning opportunities and good practice and ensuring that they are shared Service-wide.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

An equality impact assessment is not required for this report as it is for information only.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

On-going investigations are taking place into this incident in line with the Service's statutory obligations.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report.

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

None.

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