



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
Creating Safer Communities

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority
Community Safety Committee

PRINCE'S TRUST HOUSE: STOCKHILL FIRE STATION

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Date: 22 June 2018

Purpose of Report:

To update Members on the extensive work which has been carried out on the former fire service house at Stockhill fire station in order that it can now be used as a Prince's Trust hub, and resource for other users within the Service.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) has been a delivery partner for the Prince's Trust Team Programme for over 15 years and has supported more than 1000 young people during that time.
- 1.2 In delivering the Team Programme, the Service works exclusively with disadvantaged young people that are classed as Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET). Specifically, these young people fall within one or more of the following four categories:
 - The unemployed (with a focus on the long-term unemployed);
 - Those in care or leaving care;
 - Those who are underachieving or in trouble at school (including truants and excluded pupils);
 - Offenders and ex-offenders (including prisoners and ex-prisoners).
- 1.3 The Team Programme aims to promote citizenship and respect; provide financial independence and practical skills; and increase self-esteem and levels of motivation.
- 1.4 The Team Programme consists of a team building residential, work experience, formal qualifications, the organisation of a presentation event and the delivery of a community project.
- 1.5 The community project that was chosen by Team 33 was to transform the former fire service house at Stockhill fire station into a Prince's Trust hub from which future Team Programmes could operate. The former fire house at the station had not effectively been in use for many years and NFRS had taken the decision to not budget for any significant maintenance or improvements to the building going forward.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Team 33 undertook fund raising activities for basic materials and approached local businesses for the supply of fixtures and fittings. They were then given two weeks towards the end of 2017 to clear, redecorate and carry out the renovation work to the property.
- 2.2 Support from local businesses included a new kitchen supplied and fitted by Keepmoat, floor coverings supplied by Serco and a range of furniture that was donated from various local shops and residents.
- 2.3 The project was successfully completed with members of Team 33 learning many new skills.

- 2.4 It has been estimated that approximately £11,000 of improvements have been achieved, with the property now benefitting from having a new kitchen, team meeting room, break out room and office space.
- 2.5 NFRS now has an established base for the delivery of the Prince's Trust Team Programme in an ideal location with good transport links and easy access to young people that fit the NEET profile.
- 2.6 The facility is available for use by the wider Service and has already been used by the Prevention Department for various meetings.
- 2.7 Ongoing maintenance of the property will largely be carried out by future Prince's Trust Teams as part of their community projects. There are plans to use the area to the front of the property for advertising the Prince's Trust Programme and promoting safety messages to the local community, and using the garage that is attached to the property as a central store for Prevention resources.
- 2.8 A grand opening of the house took place on 4 June 2018 when the property was officially designated as 'The Prince's Trust House' by the Chair of the Fire Authority and the Chief Fire Officer.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Service has contributed approximately £1200 for the reinstallation of the internet and phone line, new fire extinguishers and gas/electric safety checks that have been carried out.
- 3.2 There will be small ongoing costs (for example energy bills) associated with the use of the house.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

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

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 A Prince's Trust hub in a key location will actively assist in the recruitment of young people with a NEET profile. Participation in the Team Programme will help to prevent these young people from becoming involved in illegal activities.

- 6.2 The fire house at Stockhill fire station has suffered from some low level anti-social behaviour (eg: graffiti and broken windows) in the past. It is hoped that reinventing the property as The Prince's Trust House and actively using it as a Service resource will put an end to such behaviour

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

9. COLLABORATION IMPLICATIONS

The report is focussed on the positive outcomes of the ongoing collaboration between NFRS and the Prince's Trust.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of the report.

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

None.

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