



Minutes

Community Safety Committee

Date: 22 July 2022

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present: Councillors G Almas (in the chair) R Ahmed, M S Fazal, C Keith, D Kirton, M Midgley, M Pollard, K Renshaw, and R Wood

In Attendance:

Apologies: Councillor P Harrand

1 Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 April 2022

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 April 2022 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2 Matters arising

None

3 Urgent items

None

4 Admission of the public

There were no items which required the exclusion of the public and press.

5 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

6 Spotlight On Case Studies

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which provided examples and updates on the following areas of work which were being undertaken to meet the needs of the communities of West Yorkshire in the delivery of prevention, protection and response activity;

- a) Bradford – Public Service Student Awareness
- b) Calderdale – Emergency Services Day
- c) Kirklees – Water Safety
- d) Leeds - Water Safety Weir Model
- e) Wakefield - Tackling not Tolerating ASB and Deliberate Fire Setting
- f) Youth Interventions – Get Started with Emergency Response

Members noted the Spotlight On reports and received them positively. The Chair gave thanks to the District Managers for their hard work within the local communities and thanked them for attending today's meeting. A specific thank you was passed on to the WYFRS Band who have provided some excellent events over the jubilee year and members requested to be given notification of all forthcoming celebration, publicity and community events as these provide excellent chance for communities to meet role models and see career opportunities, alongside bringing awareness to fire and water safety. Further thank yous were given in respect of the fantastic service provided over the recent heatwave and tragic water accidents.

It was emphasised that the Spotlight Ons are just examples of initiatives going on across all Districts all the time.

Further information was provided to members in respect of the planning for bonfire night and the work of the Youth Intervention Team.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

7 Performance Against PMI Targets 2021/22

Members received a report of the Director of Service Delivery which advised of performance against the 2021 – 22 performance outcome targets and focussed specifically on performance between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022. The report showed that despite the difficult start of the 2021 / 22 year due to the easing of lockdown measures, the service has responded well to the changes.

An updated report was provided to members in the meeting giving figures up to and including 21 July 2022, but members were advised that the figures are subject to change due to the exceptionally high volume of calls received on Tuesday 19 July 2022 during the unprecedented heatwave, which are still being processed.

Members were given further clarification of the events of Tuesday 19 July 2022 and the background of the decision not to declare a major incident in West Yorkshire. Members were assured that future planning will take into account the events of the period around that day and that the focus of WYFRS remains on preventative measures. Members were given details of the collaboration with Yorkshire Water who have agreed to fund the purchase of 2 additional all-terrain vehicles.

Further background regarding the setting of the PMI targets, including RTCs, was given. Members were assured that WYFRS will continue to collaborate with partners and tackle the areas where they have been less successful in meeting the targets.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

8 Grenfell Update Report

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which provided an update on the progress against the Grenfell action plan following the phase one inquiry. Members were advised that of the original 88 objectives within the action plan, 76 have been completed, 11 objectives remain open and ongoing. 1 is yet to be started, which is project evaluation and will be undertaken after the close down of the project. Members noted that progress has been hampered over the previous 2 years due to the restrictions posed by COVID19, however, these have not stopped the significant amount of work including training and guidance taking place.

Members were given further information regarding the recent high-rise fire in Bradford, the revised planning permission procedures now in place for buildings over 18 metres high and members were assured that the Service is constantly working with all buildings still with cladding in place to ensure interim safety measures are in place.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

9 Presentation on Changes to Legislation

Members received a presentation by the Senior Fire Protection Manager detailing the recent changes to legislation.

Chair