AT A MEETING of the HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held at Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Eastleigh on 25 February, 2011

PRESENT:

Councillors: K. Chapman (Chairman); I. Beagley; A. Evans ; J. Frankum; T. Knight; E. Neal; D. Simpson; A. Weeks

60 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor S. Darragh

61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that, where they believed they had a personal or personal prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should, normally at the time of the debate, declare their interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Fire Authority's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the Code.

There were no declarations of interest made by members under this item.

62 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 18 November, 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matter arising

Co-Responders Scheme

Pursuant to minute 57 of the last meeting, Members had previously received from the Chief Officer a map showing the number of co-responder calls during 2010, accompanied by a table that listed the percentage of incidents (by category) that had been reached within eight minutes. Members agreed that the response rate was very good.

63 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made under this item.

64 PROGRAMME AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT (PPM)

The Committee received a presentation from Lin Malt, PPM Manager, about potential benefits of establishing a Programme and Project Management. Members were informed that it will enable a cross-

Service overview to be taken of project management and help reduce duplication of effort.

It was agreed that the progress of PPM would be reported back to Members at future meetings.

65 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer (Item 6 in the Minute Book) containing highlights of the performance indicator data for quarter three (October to December) of the current financial year (2010/2011).

The Chief Officer explained the importance of understanding the risks in communities and links between lifestyle and incidents in finding appropriate strategies to reduce incidents. Work is being undertaken to determine whether there is a link between the number of chimney fires and the increase in the number of wood burning stoves installed in domestic properties.

It was confirmed that marketing campaigns are undertaken to highlight risks to the public during the year.

It was explained that the Arson Task Force had been very successful in ensuring the successful prosecution of arsonists. The Committee agreed that the initiatives would be of interest to Members across the county and felt it should be included as a topic for a future Members' awareness briefing.

It was noted hat a new monitoring system was being developed to provide more flexible and clearer performance reports.

RESOLVED:

That the report on performance is supported, and the strategies to meet the targets be endorsed.

66 EVALUATION OF THE 'LIFE' PROJECT

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer (Item 7 in the Minute Book) on the decision to cease delivery of the LIFE project course from April 2011.

It was confirmed that other initiatives were in place that involved working with younger people and Members accepted the reasons behind ending the LIFE project.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note the decision to cease delivery of the LIFE course from April 2011, and the rationale behind the decision.

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