

COUNCIL MEETING, 25 NOVEMBER, 2010

REPORT OF THE

HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

DRAFT “HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE PLAN 2011/12 TO 2013/14”

1. The Authority’s Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan covers a three year period and is reviewed, consulted upon and updated annually. The process for preparing the Plan is well-established and ensures the corporate objectives in the Plan remain relevant in the changing context in which the Service operates and are responsive to its stakeholders.
2. The Authority proposed seven new objectives as the basis for consultation. The seven proposed new objectives can be summarised as:
 - Creating a business centre at a retained fire station.
 - Establishing community facilities at a retained fire station.
 - Responding to small fires more effectively in rural areas.
 - Responding differently to automatic fire alarms in non-domestic properties.
 - Responding to road traffic accidents in rural areas more effectively.
 - Using energy more efficiently within the Service’s buildings.
 - Improving “Operational Diversity” to help to reduce the different risks people face in the community.
3. The consultation period began on 20 September, 2010 and will run until 10 December, 2010. The outcome of the consultation exercise, together with any other key points that may emerge will be reported to the Authority on 9 February, 2011.
4. Work is continuing on identifying the resource implications for the four-year financial planning period 2011/12 to 2014/15. Several of the proposals seek to improve cost effectiveness which will support the tightened financial environment. There may, however, be some short-term investment to manage the various projects. This will be funded from within existing resources.
5. Full details of the proposed objectives are on the Authority’s website at: <http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/thesevice/plan-consultation/ourplan-objectives.htm>. Members of the County Council are encouraged to make comments on them.
6. This report arises from consideration of the report of the Chief Officer to the Authority on 15 September, 2010 and is on Hantsweb at

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemssummary.htm?pref=y&tab=1item_ID=2021&cancel= . It provides further details on this item and the corporate objectives being consulted upon.

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