

REPORT OF THE  
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

PART II

**211. JOINT WORKING IN HAMPSHIRE**

1. The Authority received an update on the opportunities for joint working arrangements between Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire County Council. There is considerable duplication of work in the support areas of HFRS, HCC and HC and this innovative initiative presents the opportunity to develop new ways of joint working to realise financial savings for each of the organisations. The initial scoping work identified a range of possible opportunities to deliver, in a more cost-effective way support services across the three organisations. The Chief Officer (HFRS), Chief Constable (HC) and Chief Executive (HCC) have each agreed to a "Statement of Commitment" to work on this project. It sets out a vision for the future and a commitment to future work aimed at identifying fully the potential benefits of collaboration.

2. The Authority endorsed the Statement of Commitment between the three organisations and supported the need to develop a full business case for any future joint working arrangements. The representative bodies have not, at this early stage, been directly engaged; but, as the full business case is developed, the relevant trades unions will be fully consulted to ensure they are aware of any future potential impacts on their members.

**212. VISIT TO THE NEW WINCHESTER FIRE STATION**

1. Members of the Authority have recently been given the opportunity to visit the new Winchester Fire Station at Winnall. Officially opened in April 2011, the Station has been relocated from its home of 74 years at North Walls to its new state-of-the-art facility in Easton Lane, Winnall. Seen as a beacon of modernity, the new station benefits from some cutting-edge eco-friendly technology, including ground source heat pumping, solar panels, photo-voltaic panels and rainwater harvesting. Its strategic location at a junction of the M3, together with the earlier enhancement to operate the fire station on a continuously-crewed rather than day-crewed basis, means it is able to provide a faster emergency response over a greater geographical area.

2. Members who took part in the visit were greatly impressed with the facility. Their visit included: a 'training and awareness session' on various current topics, a demonstration of the latest model of front-line fire appliance [fitted with a new compressed air foam system], and a tour of the station with its improved training facilities. The Chief Officer was thanked for their informative and interesting visit.

Further information can be accessed via the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Web-Site – [www.hantsfire.gov.uk](http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk)

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On behalf of the Chairman