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Update on the impact of the 2012 Olympics on HFRS

Report of the Chief Officer

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1 Summary

- 1.1 This report builds upon the previous report '*the impact of the 2012 Olympics on HFRS*' which was presented to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority in February 2011, and highlights both the response implications and the mitigation required to control the risk created by the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- 1.2 An HFRS Olympic Working Group (OWG) has been established to plan and coordinate our response activity during the Olympic period.
- 1.3 HFRS has continued to work in partnership with other agencies and Fire and Rescue Services, and is a key contributor within the Local Resilience Forum (LRF), Regional Resilience Forum (RRF) and South East Operational Response & Resilience Group (SEORRG).

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority note the contents of this report.

3 Introduction and background

- 3.1 This report builds upon the previous report '*the impact of the 2012 Olympics on HFRS*' submitted in February 2011. It's purpose is to outline the current preparations being made to support Response activity during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- 3.2 The 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games are due to start on 27th July and close on 9th September. From as early as the 27th June, with the opening of the Media Centre, there is an expectation that the Olympic family, international teams, members of the public and overseas visitors, as well as increased levels of cargo, will begin to travel through or stay within Hampshire.
- 3.3 Up to nine million tourists are expected to visit during the Games period, and whilst a non-event host county, Hampshire is likely to be affected by:
 - Traffic moving between events
 - Additional tourists looking for accommodation

- Associated activities that include the Torch Relay, cultural events and team training camps
- External requests for operational assistance

4 Planning

4.1 Planning within HFRS

4.1.1 In order to prepare for the Response element of the Olympics an Olympic Working Group (OWG) has been established.

4.1.2 This group is chaired by Area Manager Mark Wittcomb, is represented by all functions within HFRS and meets on a monthly basis.

4.1.3 Preparation for the Olympics can be divided into five areas;

- Arrival of International Teams
- Torch Relay (including cultural events)
- Olympic Route Network (ORN)
- Local and Specialist Response
- Regional Response

4.1.4 Arrival of International Teams and Training Venues

Currently the Service is aware of twenty venues that can be utilised as training sites in the run up to the Olympics (Appendix A), however no international teams have identified Hampshire as their base during the Games.

Prior to the Games period, those venues identified as short term training camps will be risk assessed.

4.1.5 Torch Relay and Cultural Events

The Olympic Torch Relay will pass through 470 local authorities across the UK on its two month journey from Lands End to the Olympic Stadium. The Torch Relay will be passing through Hampshire on the 11th, 14th, 15th and 16th July, stopping overnight in Southampton on the 14th and Portsmouth on the 15th where an evening show will take place. It is anticipated that each of the evening shows will attract crowds of up to 10,000 people.

The draft Torch Bearer route currently includes:

- 11th July - Basingstoke, Kingsworthy, Andover, Winchester
- 14th July - Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst, Lymington, Southampton
- 15th July - Fareham, Bridgemarket, Gosport, Portsmouth
- 16th July - Petersfield

4.1.6 Olympic Route Network (ORN)

The ORN is a network of roads which will be utilised to move the Olympic family; athletes, technical officials, media and marketing partners between venues and accommodation.

Hampshire has a route through the county allowing movement between London and the sailing village in Weymouth, Dorset. The route takes in the M3, M27, A31, whilst the alternative route utilises the A34 and A303.

The route (including the alternative route) has been assessed by the Highways Agency (HA) as low to medium risk.

4.1.7 Local and Specialist Response

Personnel Availability – It is anticipated that the current arrangements for maintaining operational availability will be adequate during the Olympic period.

Specialist Response – HFRS have a high number of specialist teams which support the National Resilience framework. There are currently no plans to move specialist teams from their host locations during the Olympic Games period.

4.2 Regional Response

- 4.2.1 The South East Operational Response and Resilience Group (SEORRG) have prepared the *Olympic Security and Safety Plan*, which is designed to ensure that the FRS's in the South East (SE) have a clear understanding of what will be taking place across the SE during the Olympics. The document is designed to communicate the venue and non-venue plans to ensure that if mutual assistance is requested, the assisting FRS's have an understanding of the operational planning that is in place at particular sites.

5 Supporting our corporate aims and objectives

- 5.1 HFRS is establishing appropriate plans to ensure the events do not adversely effect our progress towards our corporate aims and objectives.

6 Risk analysis

- 6.1 Viewed as a global spectacle, it is important to the United Kingdom that both the Olympic and Paralympic Games are a success. Whilst Hampshire is not hosting any Olympic events, the Torch Relay and cultural events in both Southampton and Portsmouth will attract a high level of media interest.

7 People Impact Assessment

- 7.1 No adverse effects highlighted from the recommendations in this report.
- 7.2 The proposals in this report are considered compatible with the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights, the Human Rights Act 1998, and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000.

8 Consultation

- 8.1 Individuals and groups outside of HFRS that have been consulted:
 - Hampshire Police
 - LRF Olympic Consequence Management Group
 - Dorset Fire and Rescue
 - National Resilience Assurance Team
 - South East Fire and Rescue Services

Appendix A: Identified Training Venues

Although at this stage no teams have identified Hampshire as their base during the games a number of training venues have been identified. These venues have been and will continue to be utilised for short term training sessions by a number of teams. The venues include:

- Basingstoke Active Life Centre, Basingstoke
- Down Grange, Basingstoke
- Dynamo School of Gymnastics, Hamble-le-Rice
- HMS Temeraire & Burnaby Road Sports Facilities, Portsmouth
- Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hayling Island
- Hopland Equestrian Centre, Stockbridge
- Jubilee Sports Centre, Southampton
- King Edwards VI School, Southampton
- Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth
- Sparsholt College, Winchester
- The Quays Eddie Read Swimming & Diving Complex, Southampton
- The Rose Bowl, Hedge End
- The University Boat Hard, Southampton
- University of Winchester Athletics Track, Winchester
- Wellington Riding Centre, Hook
- Westgate Badminton Centre, Winchester