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**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 presented to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority in February 2012.
- 1.2 The HFRS Olympic Working Group (OWG) have prepared a planned and coordinated response to operational activity associated with the Olympic Games.
- 1.3 HFRS is continuing to work in partnership with other agencies and Fire and Rescue Services. A key contributor within the Local Resilience Forum (LRF), Regional Resilience Forum (RRF) and South East Operational Response and Resilience Group (SEORRG), the Service has also been working at a national level to mitigate specific risks associated with the Olympic Games.

**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 2012. Its purpose is to confirm that suitable preparations are in place to support response activity during the Olympic and Paralympic Games period.
- 3.2 The 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games are due to start on 27<sup>th</sup> July and close on 9<sup>th</sup> September. From as early as the 27<sup>th</sup> June with the opening of the Media Centre, the period when the Olympic Torch Relay travels through Hampshire and up until the closing ceremony in September, there is an expectation that the Olympic family, large numbers of visitors as well as increased levels of cargo will begin to travel through or stay within Hampshire.

**4 Planning**

- 4.1 Planning within HFRS

#### 4.1.1 Preparation for the Olympics can be divided into five areas;

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

#### 4.1.2 Arrival of International Teams and Training Venues

As at the time of this report no international teams have identified Hampshire as their base during the Games.

#### 4.1.3 Olympic Torch Relay and Cultural Events

The Olympic Torch Relay (OTR) will be passing through Hampshire on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July, stopping overnight in Southampton on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Portsmouth on the 15<sup>th</sup> where evening shows will take place.

The route has been officially published and the Torch will be passing through the following areas:

11<sup>th</sup> July - Basingstoke, Kingsworthy, Andover, Winchester  
14<sup>th</sup> July - Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst, Lymington, Southampton  
15<sup>th</sup> July - Fareham, Bridgemary, Gosport, Portsmouth  
16<sup>th</sup> July - Petersfield

As part of national arrangements HFRS will be supporting the OTR with specialist officers and appliances on the days listed above. Whilst on these dates the Torch will travel through other counties, it has been agreed that HFRS will continue to support the OTR with this specialist response capability.

#### 4.1.4 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.

The ORN includes the M3, M27 and A31 (with an alternative route utilising the A34 and A303). The ORN has been assessed by the Highways Agency as a low to medium risk.

#### 4.1.5 Local and Specialist Response

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

*Specialist Response* - HFRS have a high number of specialist teams which support the National Resilience framework. Whilst there are currently no plans to move

specialist teams from their host locations during the Olympic Games period, HFRS has given support in the form of planning and assessment to specific Olympic venues in order to assist in the pre-Olympic planning phase.

#### 4.1.6 Regional Response

The South East Operational Response and Resilience Group (SEORRG) have published the *Olympic Security and Safety Plan*. This document has been written to ensure that the FRS's in the South East have both a clear understanding of the activities taking place across the region during the Olympics and confirmation of operational response arrangements for specific Olympic venues.

#### 4.2 Exercising

4.2.1 The Service has actively participated in a number of multi-agency table top and live play exercises at Bronze, Silver and Gold level.

### **5 Supporting our corporate aims and objectives**

5.1 HFRS is establishing appropriate plans to ensure the events do not adversely affect 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 Service
- Jersey Fire and Rescue Service
- National Resilience Assurance Team
- South East Fire and Rescue Services