

At a meeting of the HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held at
Basingstoke Fire Station, West Ham Close, Basingstoke on 28 November,
2012

PRESENT:

Councillors: K. Chapman (Chairman); I. Beagley; M. Cooper; S. Darragh; J. Frankum; R. Kimber; T. Knight; D. Simpson.

112 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor A. Evans.

113 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members were mindful of their duty to disclose at the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in any matter on the agenda for the meeting, where that interest was not already entered in the Authority's register of interests, and their ability to disclose any other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any such matter that they might have wished to disclose.

No interests were declared under this item.

114 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held 18 September 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

115 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had no announcements to make to the Committee, but an officer of Basingstoke Fire Station gave the Committee a health and safety briefing before the main part of the meeting began.

116 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made under this item.

117 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS MONITORING REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer (Item 6 in the Minute Book), which updated Members on how the Authority was performing against key indicators.

The performance indicators detailed in the appendix to the report were considered by the Committee and a number of points were clarified. In particular, it was agreed that Accidental Dwelling Fires (Page 3 of Appendix A) would in future be broken down into geographical (Group)

areas so Members could see if there was a pattern in where these took place. It was noted with regards to Casualties from Primary Fires (Page 6 of Appendix A) that despite a reduction, the number was still above target. The Committee was informed that this indicator recorded casualties that were referred to hospital, and that over the past three years the overall total number of casualties had not seen an increase. However there had been a shift in the number of those referred to hospital, rather than those being treated at the scene.

In discussion of False Alarms Caused by Automatic Fire Detectors (Page 10 of Appendix A) it was confirmed that the following property types were the most commonly attended over the period – purpose built offices, single shops, warehouses and schools. It was noted that 61% of the calls attended a property only once during period. Work continues to assist repeat offenders in reducing false alarms.

RESOLVED:

The Committee endorsed the performance report and the strategies to meet the targets.

118 THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BASINGSTOKE FIRE STATION

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer (Item 7 in the Minute Book) which presented proposed plans for the redevelopment of Basingstoke Fire Station.

The Committee were informed that Basingstoke Fire Station was in an important strategic position within the county. Members were given background information on the station and the restraints and problems experienced with it (including lack of disabled access and facilities), as well as the expense of maintaining it and keeping it fit for purpose.

Initial draft plans of the new proposed station were shown to the Committee and it was confirmed that these were yet to be finalised.

RESOLVED:

The Committee supported the project and agreed to receiving regular reports on it's progress.

Following the closure of the meeting, Members were invited on a tour of the station.