

REPORT OF THE  
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority  
PART II

**182. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

1. The Fire Authority at its meeting on 2 December 2015 agreed that a review of the effectiveness and efficiency of the Fire Authority's governance arrangements and structures be carried out.

2. To facilitate this, a Member Working Group consisting of six Fire Authority Members, representing each of the political Groups and the three local Authorities was appointed. It was anticipated that the review would consider a range of factors, including feedback from the recent peer review and would report back to the Authority in Spring/Summer 2016.

**183. FIREFIGHTERS TRAVEL TO OREGON FOR TRAINING IN WILDFIRES**

1. The Authority received a presentation of the Chief Officer, regarding recent training undertaken in Oregon, USA.

2. The presentation detailed a two week operational visit to Oregon, USA by a small team from HFRS, including a firefighter from the Isle of Wight Fire Service through the strategic partnership with Hampshire. Members were given details of the training and induction programme that was followed, the amount of information gathering that had been possible and the benefits of experiencing a Fire and Rescue Service working in substantially different circumstances. The Authority heard how the team had undertaken active service, tackling major wildfires on the front line alongside local firefighters and not only gaining the experience of doing so, but also positively contributing to the operation. Members welcomed the presentation and were supportive of the opportunity to improve the capability of HFRS through international experience sharing.

3. On behalf of HFRA, the Chairman received a framed print that had been gifted to Hampshire by the Oregon Fire and Rescue Service.

**COUNCILLOR CHRIS CARTER**  
**Chairman of**  
**Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

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