

REPORT OF THE
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority
PART II

213. RISK REVIEW FINAL PROPOSALS

1. At its meeting on 24 February 2016 the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority agreed to approve the revised definitions of Activity Based Crewing model. It furthermore approved the final proposals for Frontline Capability and Activity Based Crewing model as amended following extensive formal consultation. The process reported to the Fire Authority had been closely overseen by the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee and facilitated by an independent organisation (Opinion Research Services) to ensure robustness and thoroughness.

2. The Fire Authority noted the strategic direction for the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and that the proposals were based on the most comprehensive review of risk ever undertaken in Hampshire, spanning two and a half years. It was heard that the proposals were part of the evolution of the Fire Service and represented a new and dynamic approach to tackling fires, deploying capability and wider service delivery to the community in partnership with the health service.

3. It was confirmed that the proposals before the Fire Authority were considered to be operationally fit for purpose for the future of the Fire Service and that the methods and techniques to be adopted were tested and established and being innovatively combined. Whilst cost saving was a driver for change, the outcome would be to improve fire-fighter and public safety through new technology as well as securing the financial position of the Fire Service. It was explained that robust incident control and task analysis would continue to ensure correct deployment of capacity. Specific changes resulting from the consultation in Rushmoor, Havant, Fleet, Redbridge, Winchester, Andover, Gosport and Hightown and to the co-responder team were detailed to Members.

4. Fire Authority Members recognised and welcomed that the proposals did not include station closures or redundancies. The thoroughness of the consultation was acknowledged and it was agreed that the issues raised through it had been taken into account. The changes being proposed amounted to modernisation and an improvement in safety and would likely not be felt by the public. The engagement and dedication of fire-fighters as well as the engagement of Fire Authority Members throughout the consultation process was commended.

COUNCILLOR CHRIS CARTER
Chairman of
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